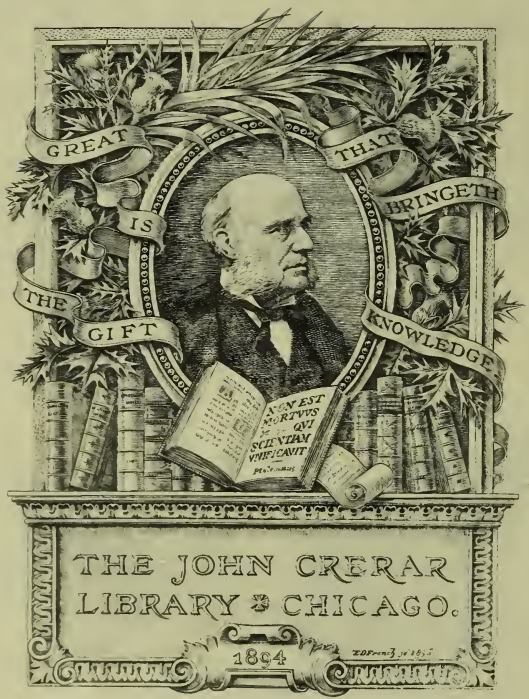

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Thirty-First Report

OF THE

Public Libraries Committee,

1911-12.

To the Members of the City Council.

GENTLEMEN,

On behalf of the Public Libraries Committee, I have pleasure in submitting to your consideration a report upon the work of the Central and Branch Libraries during the year ended 31st March, 1912.

The total stock of books at that date was 167,479. Last year it was 163,057. The numbers are made up as follows :—

Reference Library	75,789
Central Lending	39,805
Stephenson Branch	18,494
Victoria Branch	18,063
Carnegie Branch	7,862
Lady Stephenson Branch	7,466

As is natural, the stock of Lending Libraries does not grow so steadily as that of a Reference Library. Much of the money spent on them has to go towards replacing books that have been worn out. Lending books suffer more wear and tear, for they are carried to and fro, they are apt to receive less careful handling than reference books, and as a rule they are more cheaply produced. Furthermore, being frequently of ephemeral interest, a good many of them are discarded when worn out. To take an example : in the Central Lending Library 1,607 volumes have been replaced during the year, and 445 withdrawn from stock.

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The total issue of books was 601,568, as against 601,817 last year—a trifling decrease of 249. This is the first time for several years that there has not been an actual increase. At Walker, where work has been busy in the yards, and where the first curiosity about the new library has been satisfied, 10,000 issues have been dropped. At Elswick, where readers were expecting the promised open-access system, 3,000 have been dropped. The other departments, however, have done satisfactory work, and so have practically equalised matters.

It has been necessary to bind 7,145 volumes during the year, and to replace 3,183. By these means a good general condition of the stock has been maintained.

Owing to the fact that four Branch Libraries are now financed out of the money hitherto available for two, the Committee have been unable to provide either books, or magazines and newspapers, so liberally as heretofore. The supply of both has been curtailed, and cheaper and less attractive editions of books have in many cases been bought. Even the Central Libraries have had to forego many pleasant and useful things: they have contributed instead to the support of the younger institutions.

Readers' Tickets.—At the end of the Library year 35,966 readers' tickets were in force in the Lending Libraries. Of these, 22,649 were ordinary tickets, and 13,317 Non-Fiction tickets. As explained in a previous report, whilst any book may be issued on the Ordinary ticket, only works other than fiction may be issued on the Non-Fiction ticket.

Reference Library.—The issues of the Reference Library show an increase of 7,732. The use of Indices and Abridgments of Patents shows the biggest advance (about 8,650). Books on philosophy and religion have also been more in demand (by nearly 3,000). Sociology shows an increase of 1,000, natural science a falling off of nearly 1,200. Books on useful arts and technology have been in greater request, and show an increase of 1,500. Literature, curiously enough, has lost ground (by nearly 4,000). History also has declined (by over 1,700).

Exhibitions of books have been held on the following (amongst other) subjects:—on the Turco-Italian War, the affairs of Morocco, and of Persia and the Near East; on South Polar Exploration; on the Dickens and Browning centenaries; on National Insurance; on Aeroplanes.

During the year the Classical Catalogue, dealing with the literature, history and civilization of Greece and Rome, reached its last stages. It is now going through the press.

Two new busts were acquired during the year. Mr. Richard Welford, M.A., J.P., having heard of the Committee's hope that he, as a local historian and antiquary, should some day be represented in the Reference Library, very kindly presented the bust of himself that had been sculptured by Mr. Christian Neuper, thus anticipating (by many years it is hoped) his intended bequest. This bust, therefore, was received with great pleasure, and was unveiled by his old friend the Lord Mayor (Sir William H. Stephenson, D.C.L.), on Februray 9th, 1912. One interesting feature of the ceremony was the display that the Librarian made of the numerous books written by Mr. Welford himself. The bust stands close to the local section of which these writings so much enhance the value. The other bust is that of the Chairman, Sir Henry W. Newton, J.P. As is well known, it was subscribed for by a large number of people in recognition and admiration of Sir Henry's long and valuable services as Chairman of the Public Libraries Committee. The bust, which is again the work of Mr. Christian Neuper, was actually in the Library before the end of the Library year, and was to have been unveiled by Earl Grey, on March 22nd, 1912. But at the last moment, in consequence of the coal strike, the ceremony had unavoidably to be postponed, and it was not for a another two months that the unveiling was finally and happily accomplished. The inscription on the pedestal runs as follows :—

ALDERMAN SIR HENRY W. NEWTON, J.P.

To whose efforts were due
the adoption by the City of
the Public Libraries Acts
and the establishment of
these Public Libraries.

Member of the City Council
since 1866.

Chairman of the
Public Libraries Committee
since 1874.

Sheriff 1877. Mayor 1883, 1901.

Unveiled by Earl Grey,
May 21st, 1912.

It may be of interest to mention one or two specimens of the varied questions which have to be answered in libraries. One correspondent wanted to know who wrote the following books, which were published anonymously: "Letters of Henry and Frances," and "Essay on old maids." It was found, by consulting Cushing's "Initials and Pseudonyms" that Elizabeth and Richard Griffiths wrote the first. The index to "Book prices current" attributed the second to William Hayley; and this was confirmed by the "Dictionary of National Biography," *s.v.* Hayley. In another case a picture was wanted of the

Statue of Liberty at New York Harbour. Then the latest method of manufacturing calcium chloride was asked for; then, an illustration and description of an hysteresis curve tracer. Another time a telephone inquiry came asking what was the noun descriptive of a native of Westmorland, similar to Northumbrian, Aberdonian, and the like. Printed evidence for *Westmerian* was furnished from Howard Pease's "Of Mistress Eve," and from the *Newcastle Daily Chronicle*. Next, translations were wanted of the following Anglo-Saxon works:—(1) The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, (2) The Wanderer, (3) Battle of Maldon. The first was found in the Rolls Series, Fiv. 23; the second and third in Stopford Brooke's "English Literature from the beginning to the Norman Conquest." At another time an inquiry was answered as to the effects of different manures on the colour of roses. Then a child brought to the Lending Library a piece of paper containing the name of a book that was wanted. The name written down was Rowier Kiperlin Poems Indergon. The name actually intended was Rudyard Kipling's Gunga Din (in "Barrack-room ballads.")

Central Lending Library.—The book-issues in this department have been 181,188, as against 182,266 last year. It is perhaps worth mention that in the last two years the issue of fiction has decreased by 6,454, and that the issue of non-fiction has increased by 4,761. In the year just ended, fiction fell 2,450, whilst non-fiction rose 1,372. The total decrease of 1,078 is therefore obviously due to the drop in fiction. In most classes the issue has remained almost stationary; general works, however (in which class are included magazines), show a rise of 1,016. This is doubtless due to the policy which the Committee adopted in 1910 of issuing for home-reading the unbound parts of certain periodicals. The following is the list of magazines thus available for a few months before they are bound:—

Atlantic Monthly.
Badminton Magazine.
Blackwood's Magazine.
Cassell's Magazine.
Century Magazine.
Church Quarterly Review.
Contemporary Review.
Cornhill Magazine.
Deutsche Rundschau.
Edinburgh Review.
Electrical Times.
Engineering Review.
English Illustrated Magazine.
Fortnightly Review.
Harper's Magazine.
Magasin Pittoresque.
Magazine of Commerce.
Month.
Motor Cycle.
Nineteenth Century.
Oxford & Cambridge Review.
Phonetic Journal.
Quarterly Review.
Quiver.
Reporters' Magazine.
Revue des Deux Mondes.
Strand.
Woodcraft.

Reference was made in the last Report to what the Committee was doing in the interests of the blind readers of the town. It will be remembered that the volumes in Braille type were placed in charge of the Northern Counties Blind Society, who are more in touch with such readers than an institution like ours can be. That scheme has answered satisfactorily, and the issue of the books has increased. Recently, by transferring to the Workshops for the Adult Blind the remaining volumes acquired years ago (viz., those printed in Moon and Worcester type), the work has been completely rounded off.

With regard to catalogues, there has been published during the year an 85-page Supplement to the Consolidated Catalogue, which keeps that work well up-to-date. The whole cataloguing system of the Lending Department is now in good order, since in addition to author-catalogues there are subject-catalogues, either printed or on cards, to all the subjects represented in the Library. Of smaller lists, one on Nature-study was printed and proved so popular that a second edition, which is already practically exhausted, was called for. A hand-list of books dealing with English Coronation records was also issued. It included books in the Reference and Central Lending Libraries, and also in the Stephenson and Victoria Branches.

Amongst the books which have been worn-out by constant use, and which have on that account been replaced, the following are not without interest to an observer :—

Drummond (Henry) The ideal life.
Newman (J. H.) *Cardinal.* Lectures.
George (Henry) Social problems.
Cassell's Latin dictionary.
Lund (H.) Method of learning Danish and Norwegian languages.
Campin (F.) Treatise on mathematics.
Clodd (E.) Story of primitive man.
Armstrong (G. E.) Torpedoes and torpedo vessels.
Barber (F. M.) Mechanical triumphs of the ancient Egyptians.
Crane (W. J. E.) The smithy and forge.
Hasluck (P.) Model engineer's handbook.
Low (D. A.) Machine drawing and design.
Maycock (W. P.) Electric lighting and power distribution.
Paterson (G. W. Lummis-). Management of dynamos.
Philipson (J.) Art and craft of coachbuilding.
Gounod (C.) Faust.

Cheever (G. B.) Wanderings of a pilgrim in the shadow of Mont Blanc.

Fitchett (W. H.) Deeds that won the empire.

Gibson (W. S.) Northumbrian castles, churches and antiquities.

Kennedy (B.) A tramp camp.

Lucas (E. V.) A wanderer in London.

Selous (F. C.) A hunter's wanderings in Africa.

Smiles (S.) Men of invention and industry.

Wilkins (A. S.) Roman antiquities.

At the annual stock-taking of June, 1911, nothing was missing from this department.

Exhibitions of books to illustrate topical events and famous anniversaries have as usual been made throughout the year.

Stephenson Branch.—Here the main event of the year has been the conversion of the Branch from a closed to an open-access library. The matter was mentioned in the last report, and readers had been for some time expecting the change. As in the case of the Victoria Library, the alteration, which involved a very considerable amount of work, was effected without interrupting the public service. The new system came quietly into operation on December 1st, 1911. Since that time the issues, which had for some months been declining somewhat, have been rising again, though the loss had not been fully made good by March 31st. The total issue for the year was 92,609, as against 95,689 in the previous year. Here, as at the Victoria Branch, the juvenile section is thrown open as well as the adult. It is perhaps a little doubtful whether this is altogether advisable, as children often spend a considerable time handling the books and turning from one to another. The wear and tear are thus considerably increased. The matter may at all events be borne in mind. At Benwell and Walker the juvenile sections are still worked by means of the indicator.

Nothing was missing at the stock-taking of June, 1911.

Victoria Branch.—The total issue this year is the highest in our Branch records, viz., 105,535, as against 98,874 last year. The most noticeable changes in the class of books issued have been as follows. In round numbers, general works and magazines have risen by 1,600, Religion by 100, Sociology by 340, Useful Arts by 540, Fine Arts by

1,400, Literature by 2,075, History by 1,170. On the other hand, Natural Science has dropped by 600.

At the annual stock-taking two volumes were missing.

Carnegie Branch.—The Benwell lectures have again proved successful. The audiences were numerous and keenly attentive. Lists of books illustrating the subjects of the lectures were prepared and distributed among the audience, and in some cases these were supplemented by exhibitions of books at the Central Library and the two West-end Branches. The following is the list of the lectures :—

Nov. 21st, 1911—A Summer Holiday in Norway. Lecturer : Mr. John T. Oliver. Chairman : Councillor W. Bramble.

Dec. 12th, 1911—Sea Folk. Lecturer : Mr. H. S. Wallace. Chairman : Councillor J. W. Johnston.

Jan. 9th, 1912—The Vignettes of Thomas Bewick, the Tyneside Engraver. Lecturer : Mr. Basil Anderton, M.A. Chairman : Mrs. J. W. Pease.

Feb. 13th, 1912—Great Eras in the Art of Greece. Lecturer : Professor J. Wight Duff, M.A., D.Litt. Chairman : Councillor Johnstone Wallace.

Mar. 26th, 1912—The Insurance Act. Lecturer : Mr. Herbert Lee. Chairman : Councillor W. Bramble.

Also, on Feb. 24th, 1912, a children's lecture, entitled "A Visit to the Zoo," was procured and read by Mr. W. H. Gibson. Chairman : Councillor W. Bramble.

The Committee desire to record their hearty thanks to the lecturers. There were lantern illustrations on every occasion except March 26th.

The book-issues show a trifling decrease of about 400. The total was 54,981, as against 55,395 last year. General works and magazines were 450 higher, Natural Science 250 lower, Useful Arts 340 lower, Fine Arts nearly 300 lower, Literature (with Poetry, Essays, Fiction, etc.), 740 higher, History, Travels and Biography, 700 lower.

At the annual stock-taking one volume was missing.

Lady Stephenson Branch.—At Walker, as already explained, there has been a considerable falling off in the issues—nearly 20%. Almost every class has suffered, those most heavily affected being "Natural Science," "Fine Arts," "Literature," and "History, Travel and Biography." The total issue was 43,441, as against 53,511

last year. There will doubtless be a revival of interest in the Library as the development of the district progresses. The tide of the issues has already for a good many weeks shown a rising tendency.

Two volumes were missing at the annual stock-taking.

News Rooms.—The magazine and newspaper rooms attract a very great number of readers and account for an immense amount of reading 'from grave to gay, from lively to severe.' Periodically the visitors in all these departments are counted, and thus the total number can be estimated with reasonable accuracy. At the Central Library the total reached approximately 818,150* ; at the Stephenson, 248,950 (including 23,680 in the Ladies' Room) ; at the Victoria, 181,000 (including 10,800 in the Ladies' Room) ; at the Carnegie, 82,000 ; at the Lady Stephenson, 110,100. The total is 1,440,200.

Obituary.—The Committee record with much regret the death during the year of Mr. J. J. Pace, City Treasurer, who had been a member of the Public Libraries Committee since its first formation in 1874. For many years Mr. Pace was a member of the Committee of the Mechanics' Institute. With his death another link with the earliest days of our library enterprise has snapped.

The Committee have also been so unfortunate as to lose, through the same cause, the services of another member, Alderman Goolden, who has been associated with them since 1883.

Yet another death may be mentioned here, since it occurred before the writing of this report, though not actually within the year under review. Mr. R. T. Richardson, Assistant Librarian in the Reference Department for 19 years, died quietly in May, 1912. His death has caused general and wide-spread sorrow both among the public who frequented the Reference Library and among his colleagues on the staff.

Conferences.—The annual Conference of the Library Association was held at Perth in September, 1911. The Committee was represented by Aldermen Flowers and Harkus, and by Mr. Anderton. A report of the proceedings was afterwards prepared and circulated.

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* Probably another 30,000 should be added for readers in the Ladies' Department, which is very popular. From its position in the Lending Library, however, the counting of the visitors is difficult and has not been attempted The addition would bring the total at the Central to 848,150, and the gross total to 1,470,200

The work of the Northern Counties Library Association has been steadily continued. Since its doings were last chronicled, two years ago, meetings have been held at Ilkley, Exeter, Middlesbrough (where Mr. I. Briggs, one of our Assistants, read a paper on children's reading), at Saltaire, Perth, and Harrogate (where Mr. Anderton and Mr. W. H. Gibson read papers).

STAFF.—Once again it is a pleasure to the Committee to record their appreciation of the able and enthusiastic manner in which the work of the libraries has been carried on during the year by the Librarian and his staff. Mr. Basil Anderton, the Public Librarian, has now been with us in Newcastle for 21 years. That he and his assistants have taken a constant pride in building up a great library system, and in making it of real service to the community, will be manifest to all who have watched the expansion and the notable enrichment of the Newcastle Public Libraries since 1891.

HENRY W. NEWTON,

Chairman.

Town Hall,
July 26th, 1912.

Presented to the City Council, September 4th, 1912.
Received by the City Council, September 4th, 1912.

TABLE I.

Showing the Total Stock of Books in the Libraries at 31st March, 1912.

Reference Library	75,789
Central Lending Library	39,805
Stephenson Branch	18,494
Victoria Branch	18,063
Carnegie Branch	7,862
Lady Stephenson Branch	7,466
Total	167,479

TABLE II.

Showing the Additions to, and Alterations in, Stock during the Year.

Reference Library.

By	Purchase (Ordinary)		1,258
,,	Purchase (Technical)		192
,,	Gifts (including 159 volumes of Patents)		609
,,	Magazines bound from Newsroom (purchased)		116
,,	,, ,, ,, ,, (presented)		37
,,	Transfer from Central Lending Library		1
			2,213
Less—	Withdrawn from Stock	17	
	Volumes transferred to Central Lending Library	11	
	,, ,, ,, Stephenson Branch	6	
	,, ,, ,, Victoria Branch	6	
	,, ,, ,, Carnegie Branch	27	
	,, ,, ,, Lady Stephenson Branch	51	
		—	118
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Central Lending Library.

By	Purchase		796
,,	Gift		87
,,	Magazines bound from Newsroom		49
,,	Transfer from Reference Library		11
			943
Less—	Volumes withdrawn from Stock	445	
	Volumes transferred to Reference Library	1	
	,, ,, ,, Stephenson Branch	5	
	,, ,, ,, Victoria Branch	1	
	,, ,, ,, Carnegie Branch	4	
	,, ,, ,, Lady Stephenson Branch	1	
		—	457
			486

Stephenson Branch Library.

By	Purchase		348
,,	Gift		79
,,	Magazines bound from Newsroom		45
,,	Transfer from Central Lending		5
,,	,, ,, Reference		6
			483
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	63	
	Volumes transferred to Carnegie Branch	1	
			64
			419

Victoria Branch Library.

By	Purchase	403
,,	Gift	85
,,	Transfer from Reference Library	6
,,	,, ,, Central Lending Library	1
,,	Magazines bound from Newsroom	45
		540
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	101
		439

Carnegie Branch Library.

By	Purchase	384
,,	Gift	101
,,	Magazines bound from Newsroom	9
,,	Transfer from Central Reference	27
,,	,, ,, Central Lending	4
,,	,, ,, Stephenson Branch	1
		526
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	25
		501

Lady Stephenson Branch Library.

By	Purchase	386
,,	Gift	64
,,	Transfer from Central Lending	1
,,	,, ,, Reference	51
		502
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	20
		482

Net Additions to Stock for Year Ending 31st March, 1912—4,422.

TABLE III.

Showing Number of Volumes Bound and Replaced During the Year.

	Reference Library.	Central Lending Library.	Stephenson Branch Library.	Victoria Branch Library.	Carnegie Branch Library.	Lady Stephenson Branch Library.	Total.
Volumes Bound ..	1,196*	2,714	1,147	966	381	741	7,145
Volumes Replaced	—	1,607	485	467	350	274	3,183

* Includes 159 Volumes of Patents.

TABLE IV.

Showing Number of Readers' Tickets in force at end of Library Year (Lending Libraries).

	Central Lending Library.	Stephenson Branch Library.	Victoria Branch Library.	Carnegie Branch Library.	Lady Stephenson Branch Library.	Total.
Citizen:						
Ordinary Tickets	2,929	1,128	1,175	732	439	6,403
Non-Fiction Tickets	1,682	467	584	692	428	3,853
Non-Citizen:						
Ordinary Tickets	6,563	2,790	3,671	1,559	1,663	16,246
Non-Fiction Tickets	4,687	1,425	1,659	720	973	9,464
Total	15,861	5,810	7,089	3,703	3,503	35,966

TABLE V.—REFERENCE LIBRARY.

SHEWING THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES CONSULTED IN THE REFERENCE LIBRARY DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1912, THE NUMBER OF DAYS OPEN, THE AVERAGE DAILY ISSUE, AND THE TOTAL ISSUE IN EACH CLASS.

DATE.	Thomlinson Library.	Patent Specifications.	General Works, Magazines, &c.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology, Political Science and Economy, Education.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays, Satire, &c.)	History, Biography, and Geography.	TOTAL ISSUE.	Number of Days Open.	Average Daily Issue.
1911.															
April	14	38	3,720	64	187	356	74	342	1,323	384	286	1,369	8,157	22½	363
May	2	172	3,329	22	403	392	73	460	1,618	455	255	1,503	8,684	27	322
June	—	70	3,453	22	91	560	67	241	1,821	358	478	1,095	8,256	22½	367
July	1	143	2,713	8	156	658	70	322	1,117	732	349	1,685	7,954	26	306
August	5	167	1 737	32	172	385	80	209	1,177	410	223	1,505	6,102	26	235
September	19	153	2,362	32	217	2,108	646	442	1,493	445	297	2,012	10,226	26	393
October	2	135	3,427	13	165	596	55	489	1,926	519	331	1,564	9,222	26	355
November	6	200	2,414	67	209	589	105	411	1,959	506	581	1,723	8,770	26	337
December	1	41	2,503	50	206	477	115	424	1,569	310	335	1,366	7,397	24	308
1912.															
January	318	230	4,248	53	186	499	199	286	1,280	562	707	2,152	10,720	25	429
February	325	126	2,414	85	135	488	231	230	1,844	583	765	2,068	9,294	25	372
March	378	244	3,189	2887	1,083	803	147	1,292	2,318	1,041	628	2,022	16,032	26	617
Total issue in each Class ..	1,071	1,719	35,509	3,335	3,210	7,911	1,862	5,148	19,445	6,305	5,235	20,064	110,814	302	367

This total does not include the consultations of Indices and Abridgments of Patents (13,000). See p. 1.

TABLE VI.—CENTRAL LENDING AND BRANCH LIBRARIES.

Summary of Issues to Adult and Juvenile Readers for Year Ended March 31st, 1912.

		General Works, Magazines, &c.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology, Political Science and Economy, Education.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays, Satire, Fiction, &c.)	History, Biography, and Geography.	Total Issue.	Number of Days Open.	Average Daily Issue.
Central :—	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*3,715*	*976*	*1,907*	*2,878*	*859*	*3,652*	*6,165*	*7,604*	*112,879*	*13,559*	*154,194*	*270½*	*570*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*2,336*	*9*	*41*	*526*	*10*	*602*	*322*	*322*	*21,749*	*1,077*	*26,994*	*270½*	*100*
	Total ..	6,051	985	1,948	3,404	869	4,254	6,487	7,926	134,628	14,636	181,188	270½	670
Stephenson :—	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*5,122*	*187*	*420*	*1,107*	*239*	*1,529*	*2,316*	*3,777*	*47,639*	*5,611*	*67,947*	*270½*	*251*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*2,224*	—	*95*	*2,217*	*28*	*776*	*284*	*579*	*17,109*	*1,350*	*24,662*	*270½*	*91*
	Total ..	7,346	187	515	3,324	267	2,305	2,600	4,356	64,748	6,961	92,609	270½	342
Victoria :—	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*4,493*	*304*	*551*	*1,092*	*442*	*1,762*	*3,676*	*4,410*	*53,770*	*6,845*	*77,345*	*270½*	*286*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*2,650*	*57*	*253*	*2,762*	*2*	*967*	*273*	*543*	*19,129*	*1,554*	*28,190*	*270½*	*104*
	Total ..	7,143	361	804	3,854	444	2,729	3,949	4,953	72,899	8,399	105,535	270½	390
Carnegie :—	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*2,189*	*165*	*366*	*506*	*142*	*778*	*1,248*	*1,575*	*24,215*	*2,932*	*34,116*	*270½*	*126*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*1,093*	—	*143*	*1,945*	*9*	*752*	*280*	*322*	*15,382*	*939*	*20,865*	*270½*	*77*
	Total ..	3,282	165	509	2,451	151	1,530	1,528	1,897	39,597	3,871	54,981	270½	203
Lady Stephenson:—	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*2,672*	*92*	*131*	*366*	*142*	*597*	*1,383*	*1,237*	*19,625*	*1,873*	*28,118*	*270½*	*104*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*651*	—	*52*	*303*	*21*	*465*	*234*	*231*	*12,648*	*718*	*15,323*	*270½*	*57*
	Total ..	3,323	92	183	669	163	1,062	1,617	1,468	32,273	2,591	43,441	270½	161
Total issue in each Class		27,145	1,790	3,959	13,702	1,894	11,880	16,181	20,600	344,145*	36,458	477,754	270½	1,766

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North Star (v).
Northern Echo, (s, v, c, LS).
Scotsman (s, v, LS).
Shields Daily Gazette (s, v, LS).
Shipping and Mercantile Gazette (v).
Yorkshire Post (s, v, c, LS).

WEEKLIES :—

Academy (v).
*Alliance News, 2 copies (United Kingdom Alliance). (v).
*Alliance News, 1 copy (United Kingdom Alliance). (s).

WEEKLIES—*Continued.*

Architect (s, v).
Athenæum (s, v).
Bazaar, Exchange, and Mart (c).
Builder (s, v).
Building News (s, v, c).
*Clarion (Editor). (v).
Colliery Guardian (LS).
Common Cause (s, v, c, LS)
*Contractors' Record (Publishers). (c).
*Co-operative News (Newcastle Co-operative Society). (s, v, c).
Electrical Engineering (s, v).
Electrical Review (v, c).
Electrical Times (v).
Engineer (s, v, c).
Engineering (s, v, LS).
English Mechanic (s, v, LS).
Field (v).
Gardeners' Chronicle (s, v).
Gentlewoman (s, v, c).
Graphic, 2 copies (s, v).
Graphic, 1 copy (LS).
Illustrated London News, 2 copies(s, v)
Illustrated London News, 1 copy (c, LS)
Irish Weekly Mail (v).
Labour Leader (s, v).
Lady (v, LS).
Lady's Pictorial (s).
Mechanical World (v).
Mining Journal (v).
Municipal Journal (c)
Nation (s, v).
Nature (s, v).
Naval and Military Record (s, v).
Newcastle Weekly Chronicle (s, v).
Northern Weekly Leader (s, v, c).
Outlook (v).
Pitman's Shorthand Weekly (s, v).
Punch, 2 copies (s, v).
Punch, 1 copy (c, LS).
Queen (s, v).
Saturday Westminster Gazette (s, v).

WEEKLIES—*Continued*

Shipping World (v).
Spectator (s, v).
Sphere (s, v, c).
*Standard of Empire (Publishers). (s, v, c, LS).
*T.P.'s Weekly (W. H. Gibson, Esq.) (LS).
*Times Weekly Edition (LS).
Truth (s, v).
*Votes for Women, 2 copies (s, v). (N.W.S.P.U.)
*Wallesnd Advertiser (Publisher). (LS).
Weekly Freeman (v).
Weekly Irish Times (s, v).
Work (s, v, c).

FORTNIGHTLIES :—

Magasin Pittoresque (v).

MONTHLIES :—

*Anti-Suffrage Review (Mrs. Stuart). (s, v).
*Arbitrator (Publishers). (s, v, c).
Atlantic Monthly (v).
Blackwood's Magazine (s, v).
Cassell's Magazine (v).
Cassier's Magazine (v, c).
Century Magazine (s, v).
Chambers' Journal (s, v).
Cornhill Magazine (s, v).
Educational Times (v).
*Engineer in Charge (Publishers). (c).
English Illustrated Magazine (s, v).
Fortnightly Review (s, v).
Harper's Monthly (s, v).
*Home (Editor). (c).
*Incorporated Accountants' Journal (Society of Accountants and Auditors). (s).
Journal of Education (s, v).
Knowledge (v).
Lady's Realm (s, v).
*Library Association Record (Alderman Sir H. W. Newton, J.P., and Councillor J. H. Rodgers, respectively). (v, s).
Locomotive Magazine (v).
Mariner (v).
*Millgate Monthly (Newcastle Co-operative Society). (s).
Monthly Musical Record (v).
Musical Opinion (c).
Musical Times (s, v).
*Musicians' Journal (G. F. Ford, Esq.) (s, v).
*Nation in Arms (Publisher). (c).
*New Church Magazine (Editor). (s, v).

MONTHLIES—*Continued.*

*Newcastle Class Teacher (The Association). (s, v, c).
Nineteenth Century (s, v).
Quiver (s).
Review of Reviews, (s, v, LS).
Strand Magazine, 2 copies (s, v).
Studio (s, v).
Sunday at Home (s).
Tramway and Railway World (v).
Westminster Review (v.)
*White Ribbon (Mrs. Hay). (s, v).
Woodworker (s, v).

QUARTERLIES :—

Edinburgh Review (s).
Quarterly Review (v).
Shipbuilder (s, v, c, LS).

RAILWAY GUIDES :—

(Presented, with the exception of Bradshaw and Reid's Railway Guide, by the Companies).

Bradshaw's Guide (s, v).
*Caledonian Railway (s, v, c, LS).
*Cambrian Railway (s, v).
*Cook's Ocean Sailing List (c, LS).
*Glasgow and South-Western Railway (s, v, c, LS).
*Great Central Railway (s, v, c, LS).
*Great Eastern Railway (s, v, LS).
*Great Eastern Railway : Continental Guide (s).
*Great North of Scotland Railway (s, v).
*Great Northern Railway (s, v, c, LS).
*Great Southern and Western Railway of Ireland (s, v).
*Great Western Railway (s, v).
*Highland Railway (s, v).
*Hull and Holland Steamship Service (s, v).
*Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (s, v, c, LS).
*London and North-Western Railway (s, v. c, LS).
*London and South-Western Railway (s, v, c, LS).
*London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway (s, v).
*Midland Railway (s, v).
*North British Railway (s, v, c, LS).
*North-Eastern Railway (s, v, c, LS).
Reid's Railway Guide (s, v, c, LS).
*South-Eastern and Chatham Railway (s, v).
*South-Eastern and Chatham Railway : Continental Guide (v).

On the receipt at the Central, the Stephenson, and the Victoria Libraries, respectively, of the new issue of the undermentioned papers, the previous issue is placed on the Carnegie Library tables :—

At Central Library :—

Auto Motor Journal.
Mining Engineering.
Country Life.
The Woodworker.
Animals' Guardian.
Musical Herald.

At the Stephenson Branch :—

Engineering.
Queen.
Architect.
Gardeners' Chronicle.
Truth.
Electrical Engineering.
Nation.
The Strand.
Naval & Military Record.

At the Victoria Branch :—

Alliance News.
Mechanical World.
Magasin Pittoresque.

Similarly, the undermentioned papers received at the Central Library or at the Victoria and Stephenson Branches are placed on the Lady Stephenson Branch Library tables :—

At the Central Library :—

Amateur Photographer.
British Australasian.
Builder
Lady's Pictorial.
Motor Traction.
Our Dogs.
Outlook.
Pitman's Shorthand Weekly.
Practical Engineer.
Railway Gazette.
Work.

At the Victoria Branch Library :—

British Architect.
Electrical Engineer.
Engineer.
Field.
Gardeners' Chronicle.
Gentlewoman.
Labour Leader.
Locomotive.
Mariner.
Nation.
Naval & Military Record
Queen.
Shipping World.
Sphere
Strand.
Truth.

At the Stephenson Branch Library :—

Building News.

STEPHENSON BRANCH LIBRARY.

DONORS OF BOOKS for Year Ended March 31st, 1912

For Donors of Periodicals, see List pp. 23-4.

	Vols.
Armstrong College, Newcastle ...	1
Edwards (*Miss* M. Betham-), Hastings	3
Ellis (*Miss* M. B.), Newcastle... ...	4
Hearnshaw (F. J. C.), Newcastle ...	2
International Arbitration League, London	1
Mackey (M.), Newcastle	1
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation (*per* Town Clerk) ...	1
Northern Land Values League, Newcastle	2
Sykes (F. W.), Newcastle ...	1
Werner (*Miss* H.), Newcastle ...	63

VICTORIA BRANCH LIBRARY.

DONORS OF BOOKS FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1912

For Donors of Periodicals, see List pp. 23-4.

	Vols.
Armstrong College (*per* Secretary), Newcastle	1
Edwards (*Miss* Betham-), Hastings ...	4
Hearnshaw (*Professor* F. J. C.), Newcastle	2
International Arbitration League, Westminster	1
Mackey (M.), Newcastle ...	1
Northern Land Values League, Newcastle	2
Sykes (F. W.), Newcastle ...	1
The Werner Bequest, Newcastle	73

CARNEGIE BRANCH LIBRARY.

DONORS OF BOOKS FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1912.

For Donors of Periodicals, see List pp. 23-4.

	Vols.
Armstrong College, Newcastle ...	2
Edwards (*Miss* Betham-)	5
Gregg Publishing Co., New York ...	1
Hearnshaw (*Professor* F. J. C.) ...	2
International Arbitration League, London	1
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation (*per* Town Clerk)	1
Pease (*Mrs.* J. W.), "Pendower," Newcastle	1
Sykes (F. W.), Newcastle-upon-Tyne	1
Werner (*Miss* H.), Newcastle-upon-Tyne	87

LADY STEPHENSON BRANCH LIBRARY.

DONORS OF BOOKS FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1912.

For Donors of Periodicals, see List pp. 23-4.

	Vols.
Armstrong College, Newcastle ...	1
Edwards (Miss M. Betham-), Hastings	3
International Arbitration League, London	1
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation (*per* Town Clerk) ...	2
Northern Land Values League...	1
Sykes (F. W.), Newcastle ...	1
Werner (*Miss* H.), Newcastle ...	55

PUBLICATIONS.

CATALOGUES OF CENTRAL LIBRARY—

Catalogue of the Central Lending Library (excluding Fiction in English, Children's Books, and Books for the Blind). Crown 4to. 712 pages. 1908. 1/-. *Purchasers of this Catalogue receive, gratis, the Supplement below.*

Supplement to the above. December, 1911. Crown 4to. 85 pages. Price 3d.

FINE ARTS CATALOGUE. (Reference and Central Lending Libraries). Crown 4to. 145 pages. 1900. 3d. *Class* 700 *of Dewey's Decimal Classification.*

PURE MATHEMATICS CATALOGUE. (Reference and Central Lending Libraries). Crown 4to. 49 pages. 1901. 3d. *Class* 510 *of Dewey's Decimal Classification.*

USEFUL ARTS CATALOGUE. (Reference and Central Lending Libraries). Crown 4to. 286 pages. 1903. 3d. *Class* 600 *of Dewey's Decimal Classification.*

N.B.—Certain sections of this Catalogue, viz.:—Engineering, Domestic Economy, Chemical Technology (with Metallurgy and Assaying), and Building (with Shipbuilding) have been issued separately.

Catalogue of Books and Pamphlets on Education in the Central Library (Reference and Lending) and in the Stephenson and Victoria Branches. Crown 4to. 136 pages. 1909. 3d. *Class* 370 *of Dewey's Decimal Classification.*

Catalogue of Books and Tracts on Genealogy and Heraldry, in the Central Public Libraries. Crown 4to. 68 pages. 1910. 6d. *Class* 929 *of Dewey's Decimal Classification.*

The Harney Library. Books presented by Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Harney. Royal 8vo. 1899. 1d.

Catalogue of the Bewick Collection (Pease Bequest). Ten full-page illus. Crown 4to. 1904. 1/-.

ARTICLE ON BEWICK BOOK-PLATES. 6d.

Children's Catalogue. F'cap. 8vo. 1906. 2d.

CATALOGUE OF FICTION (in English) in the Central Lending Library. Royal 8vo. 295 pages. 1906. 6d. (2nd impression).

Supplementary Fiction List. April, 1906—July, 1908. Royal 8vo. 1908. 1d.

HAND-LIST OF WORKS ON SHAKESPEARE. (Reference and Central Lending Libraries). Crown 4to. 1906. 1d.

A Rough list of books on Nature Study. 1911. *Gratis.*

A Rough list of books for Holiday makers. (Central Lending Library). 1912. 1d.

Catalogue on Greek and Latin Classics. *In the press.*

STRUGGLE FOR A PUBLIC LIBRARY IN NEWCASTLE. 1/-.

Catalogue of the Gibsone Conches (in Reference Library). 1/-.

CATALOGUES OF BRANCH LIBRARIES—

Catalogue of Stephenson Branch Library. Crown 8vo. 1897. 3d. *Dewey's Decimal Classification.*

Catalogue of Victoria Branch Library. *A duplicate of above, with fresh title page; issued* 1899. 3d.

Supplementary Catalogue of Stephenson Branch. Crown 8vo. 1902. 1d.

Supplementary Catalogue of Victoria Branch. Crown 8vo. 1904. 1d.

ANNUAL REPORTS of Public Libraries Committee, first to thirty-first. Royal 8vo. 2d. each.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath out of such part of my personal Estate as may by law be bequeathed for such purposes, to the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the County of Northumberland, the sum of

free from Legacy Duty, for the benefit of the Public Libraries of the said City, to be expended in such way as they may deem expedient; and I direct that the Receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said City shall be an effectual discharge for the same Legacy.

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*I bequeath**

*BOOKS,
PICTURES,
OR OTHER
OBJECTS OF
ART OR
INTEREST,

to the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the County of Northumberland (free from Legacy Duty, which duty I direct shall be paid out of my pure personalty), for the benefit of the Public Libraries of the said City, either for Exhibition or for such other purposes as they may deem expedient; and I further direct that the Receipt of the Town Clerk for the time being of the said City shall be an effectual discharge for the same Legacy.

City and County of
Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

32nd Report

Public Libraries Committee,

1912-13.

COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS

City and County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Thirty-Second Report

OF THE

Public Libraries Committee,

1912-13.

To the Members of the City Council.

GENTLEMEN,

On behalf of the Public Libraries Committee, I have pleasure in submitting to your consideration a report upon the work of the Central and Branch Libraries for the year ended March 31st, 1913.

The total stock of books at that date was 170,190. This shows an increase of 2,711 during the year. The total is made up as follows :—

Reference Library - - - -	77,290
Central Lending - - - -	40,068
Stephenson Branch - - - -	18,677
Victoria Branch - - - -	18,258
Carnegie Branch - - - -	8,150
Lady Stephenson Branch - -	7,747

In Lending Libraries the stock does not grow so rapidly as in a Reference Library ; for it should be borne in mind that in them much of the money spent is devoted simply to replacing worn-out books (by which the stock is not affected) ; that more presentations find their way to the Reference Library than elsewhere ; and that it is from the Lending Libraries that books are discarded most freely, as being of ephemeral interest. Thus, 2,503 volumes have been bought for replacement purposes in the Lending Departments ; 509 volumes were gifts to the Reference Library (as against a total of 194 to the five Lending

Libraries) ; and 105 only have been withdrawn from the Reference Library (as against 603 from the Lending Departments). Details are shown in Tables 1—3.

The total issue of books was 607,512, as against 601,568 last year—an increase of about 6,000. In the last three or four months of the year practically no new books were bought for any department, because funds ran short. Up till that time the total issues had been nearly 21,000 higher than in the preceding year ; but when the supply of new books ceased the issues began to fall. Some departments, in spite of this, managed to keep ahead ; but others got behind.

The difficulty of financing four growing Branch Libraries out of the halfpenny rate still continues. The Central Libraries, which now contribute £500 or £600 a year to the maintenance of the younger institutions, have to forego many books likely to increase their active popularity.

Reference Library.—One of the important events of the year was the publication, towards the end of 1912, of the Catalogue of Books concerned with the Greek and Latin Classics in the Central Libraries. The range and value of our collection proved very interesting and even a little surprising to those more especially concerned with such studies. The late Dr. Thomas Hodgkin, Earl Grey and the Librarian of the Advocates' Library, Edinburgh (Dr. W. K. Dickson), were among those who wrote with especial interest about the matter.

Exhibitions of books to illustrate topical events have been, as heretofore, constantly made, and proved attractive to readers. Thus, to take one or two examples, books on Servia, Bulgaria, Montenegro, and Greece have been shown ; so have the works of the late Dr. Hodgkin, and of the Dean of Durham (Dr. Kitchin), and various other writers of local or universal distinction ; so have books on Antarctic exploration.

Beyond this, there is not a great deal that needs to be definitely chronicled this year. Efficiency has been maintained and some interesting developments are in progress. The author entries in the original card catalogue, compiled by Mr. Haggerston, are being typewritten and transferred to the sheaf catalogue now in use. This will make the arrangement of the catalogue absolutely simple and uniform. It is hoped that before very long it may be possible to print a consolidated Author Catalogue of the Reference Library, much on the same lines as the Lending Library Catalogue issued in 1908. The Committee will recall how helpful and convenient that consolidation proved to the public.

A valuable collection of records and unpublished letters relating to Admiral Lord Collingwood has, through the kindness of various people, been added to the Library and has been appropriately bound and arranged. Special thanks are due to Mr. Oxberry, of Gateshead, in this connection, who, besides contributing much of the material himself, suggested to Miss Ida Blackett, of Portsmouth (a relation of John Erasmus Blackett, Collingwood's father-in-law) that she should lend the originals of the letters to our Librarian for transcription. These letters were accordingly typed out, and Mr. Oxberry then wrote some explanatory notes upon them. An album was also made concerning the centenary celebration of Collingwood's death. Other donors to the collection were Mr. A. Brewis (who lent a MS. diary which Collingwood kept whilst in the Mediterranean), Mr. Joseph Philipson (who gave some interesting portraits, etc.), and the late Mr. Matthew Mackey (who gave copies of five letters and the steel plate of one of Collingwood's portraits). Miss Blackett herself came to the Library and examined the collection with great interest. She afterwards presented a large portrait of John Erasmus Blackett, and a smaller likeness of his daughter, Lady Collingwood.

Another little collection that is of interest locally has been acquired. This consists of a number of bookplates of people belonging to the counties of Northumberland and Durham. It is, of course, by no means complete, nor can it rival the collection of the late Mr. Mackey ; but it supplements usefully the bookplates, by Bewick, in our Pease Collection, and throws a good deal of light on the tastes and history of our local families. The list of our Bewick bookplates, by the way, which when first issued included only those in the Pease Collection, is now being revised. When reprinted, it will include others acquired more recently. Mr. Mackey kindly lent his collection for comparison some weeks before his death.

The stream of routine work has flowed steadily on. There has been perpetually the acquisition of books, their classification, cataloguing, binding, shelving, and issuing to readers. Inquiries of all sorts, *e.g.*, concerning Clapeyron's Theorem of three moments, Quebracho, the weight of the brain, astragal joints, the temperature of the sea at different points of the coast, etc., etc., have been made by readers and answered.

The issues in this department are 113,822*. In the month of March, 1912, there was an abnormal issue of books in philosophy, religion, and

*This includes 10,745 consultations of Indices and Abridgments of Patents. The number is based on periodical countings.

the useful arts (4,500 above the average). This issue has not been paralleled in the year just past. The consultation of Indices and Abridgments of Patents has dropped by over 2,000, doubtless through increased use of the facilities given in London, where gratuitous search is made for inquirers. The use made of the Thomlinson Library has this year been smaller. There has also been a decline in the demand for works in philology and sociology. On the other hand, general works (such as cyclopædias, etc.), natural science, the fine arts, and history, biography, travel and topography have been more in request (by 4,144). Altogether, however, there was a decrease in the recorded issues (*viz.*, excluding the Indices and Abridgments of Patents) of 7,737.

Central Lending Library. In this department also the stream of routine duties is a large and constant one. Renewals and improvements have been made in the Fiction Indicators. The titles are now, as in the Carnegie and Lady Stephenson Libraries, shown on both ends of the cards, so that whether books are " in " or " out " a full catalogue of our novels is always visible. 7,000 book-cards bearing fiction titles (which are kept in the books when on the shelves, but inserted in readers' tickets and placed in issue-trays when the books are given out to readers) had become soiled by handling. The re-writing of these has been completed. Entirely new stock books have also been written for non-fictional books (about 30,000 entries). The catalogue of this department is thoroughly up-to-date, every book in the Lending Library having received both author and subject entry. With regard to the binding of books and magazines, this is a labour from which there is in no year any respite. Volumes are regularly listed, despatched, received again, checked off, and placed once more in circulation. Then again there is the perpetual sending of letters and post cards to borrowers and their guarantors, concerning the return of books, the payment of fines, and the issue of readers' tickets. About 5,600 such communications have been sent out during the year. Of the books worn out, a good many have been discarded and cancelled from the stock books, though most have been re-ordered, suitably registered, and placed in circulation. Among books thus replaced after constant use, the following are not without interest :—

Hunt (Leigh) Wit and humour.
Brook (S. A.) English literature, A.D. 670-1832.
McCarthy (J.) Short history of our own times.
O'Connor (J. C.) *ed.* Esperanto.
Sandow (E.) Body building.
Cotterill (J. R.) Applied mechanics.
Humphreys (H. N.) The Coin collectors' manual. 2 vols.

Ibsen (H.) Prose works, vol. 1.
Oudin (M. A.) Standard polyphase apparatus and systems.
Carlyle (T.) French Revolution.
Spurgin (K. B.) On active service with the Northumberland and Durham Yeomen.
Spohr (L.) The last judgment.
Clerk (D.) Gas, petrol and oil engines.
Donkin (B.) Gas, oil and air engines.
Grover (F.) Modern gas and oil engines.
Hutton (W. S.) Practical engineer's handbook.
Maycock (W. P.) Electric wiring, fittings.
Neilson (R. M.) Steam turbine.
Taylor (D. W.) Resistance of ships and screw propulsion.
Cowper (William). Life and works.
Ryan (C.) Systematic drawing and shading.
Shaw (G. B.) Fabian essays in socialism.
Sennett (R.) and Oram (H. J.) Marine steam engine.
Rankine (W. J. M.) Steam engine and other prime movers.

There were also books on physical training, motor cycles, photography, painting, poultry keeping, etc.

The year's issues were 184,971. There has been a slight drop in books dealing with sociology, natural science, the useful arts and the fine arts, but an increased demand for general works, for philosophical and religious works, and for books in philology, literature and history. There is a total increase of nearly 4,000.

The extent to which writers like John Ruskin and Herbert Spencer are read is well revealed in the following list, in which their various works are named, and the number of times each has been issued specified.

A Return showing the date of accession, the date of re-placement, and the number of issues of the works of JOHN RUSKIN, as at December, 1912.

Title.	Accession.	Replacement.	Issues.
Aratra Pentelici	1894	...	30
Ariadne Florentina	1894	...	28
Arrows of the chace. 2 v.	1901	...	32
Art of England and pleasures of England	1900	...	22
Crown of wild olives	1887	1904	118
The eagle's nest	1887	...	96
Elements of drawing	1895	...	133
Elements of perspective	1880	1902	265
Ethics of the dust	1880	1901	27
		Record defective.	
Do. [2nd copy]	1881	1905	116
Fors clavigera. v. 1	1899	...	56
Do. v. 2	1899	...	26
Do. v. 3	1899	...	23
Do. v. 4	1899	...	15
Frondes agrestes	1880	1899	165
Do. [2nd copy]	1881	1905	100

Title.	Accession.	Replacement.	Issues.
Giotto and his works in Padua	1900	...	10
Guide to Academy of Fine Arts at Venice	1879	...	87
Harbours of England	1895	...	71
Hortus inclusus	1887	...	37
Inaugural address at Cambridge, 1858...	1879	...	95
A joy for ever	1887	...	64
Laws of Fésole. v. 1	1900	...	41
Lectures on architecture and painting...	1894	...	48
Lectures on art	1895	...	41
Letters addressed to a college friend ...	1894	...	76
Letters to the clergy	1881	1909	101
Love's meinie	1897	...	20
Modern painters. v. 1	1899	...	65
Do. v. 2	1899	...	33
Do. v. 3	1899	...	15
Do. v. 4	1899	...	7
Do. v. 5	1899	...	9
Do. Index	1899	...	9
Mornings in Florence	1883	...	39
Munera pulveris	1887	...	56
Nature of Gothic	1900	...	18
Notes on pictures : Academy notes, etc.	1903	...	12
Do. do. [2nd copy]	1879	1908	357
		Record defective.	
Do. Turner, etc. ...	1879	1905	5
		Record defective.	
Do. do. [2nd copy]	1879	...	120
Do. do. [3rd copy]	1903	...	13
On the old road. v. 1	1900	...	31
Do. v. 2	1900	...	2
Do. v. 3	1900	...	4
"Our fathers have told us"	1900	...	41
Poems, 2 v.	1891	...	44
Political economy of art	1879	1905	55
Præterita. v. 1	1899	...	24
Do. v. 2	1899	...	11
Do. v. 3	1900	...	9
Pre-Raphaelitism...	1894	...	23
The queen of the air	1887	...	90
St. Mark's Rest	1883	1906	67
Salsette and Elephanta	1898	...	6
Selections	1893	1904	81
Do. 2nd series	1893	1904	91
Seven lamps of architecture	1894	1904	108
Stones of Venice	1880	1902	330
		Record defective.	
Do. [2nd copy]	1881	1902	55
Do. [3rd copy] v. 1 ...	1900	...	35
Do. do. v. 2 ...	1900	...	8
Do. do. v. 3 ...	1900	...	7
Time and tide	1883	1906	178
The two paths	1887	...	2
		Record defective.	
Unto this last	1880	1909	34
		Record defective.	
Do. [2nd copy]	1881	1900	89
Val d'Arno	1894	...	35
Alexander's Christ's folk in the Apennine	1887	...	32*
Dame Wiggins of Lee	1887	1903	131*

*Edited by J. Ruskin.

A Return showing the date of accession, the date of replacement, and the number of issues of the works of HERBERT SPENCER, as at December, 1912.

Title.	Accession.	Replacement.	Issues.
Against the metric system	1907	...	3
Ceremonial institutions	1880	...	29

Title.	Accession.	Replacement.	Issues.
Ecclesiastical institutions	1898	...	13
Education	1893	1897	78
Do. [2nd copy]	1893	...	57
Essays. 3 v.	1887	1902	81
Do. [2nd copy]	1893	1902	78
Factors of organic evolution	1887	...	19
Facts and comments	1902	...	39
First principles	1879	1903	220
Justice	1891	...	14
The man versus the state	1884	1910	12 } Record defective.
Political institutions	1882	...	60
Principles of biology. v. 1	1879	1905	108
Do. v. 2	1879	...	49
Principles of ethics. v. 1	1893	1905	141
Do. v. 2	1893	...	10 } Record defective.
Principles of psychology. v. 1	1879	...	49
Do. do. v. 2	1879	...	27
Principles of sociology. v. 1	1880	...	82
Do. do. v. 2	1909	...	5
Do. do. v. 3	1908	...	6
Social statics	1893	1904	96
Study of sociology	1885	...	132
Various fragments	1898	...	24

In May, 1912, a small List of Books for Holiday-makers was printed. It included popular guide books for tourists of all sorts, not omitting cyclists, anglers, campers and walkers ; whilst, following the topographical books, a few novels relating to the districts concerned were added, for the benefit of those who like to read their fiction in an appropriate setting. No attempt, however, was made to name every novel in the Library dealing with a particular region.

The subscription to Smith's Library, in exchange for which we get 100 books at a time on loan, has been continued during the year. Books on travel, biography, and sport have proved especially popular. When the interest in them wanes, they are returned. A few of them—perhaps 5%—are of more permanent interest, and are ultimately secured at " remainder " prices.

At the Annual Stocktaking, two volumes were missing.

Branch Libraries.—In the juvenile sections of the two older Branches the Committee resolved recently to discontinue allowing children free access to the shelves. Books were so much damaged and soiled by handling that the expense and trouble of renewal became disproportionately great. Accordingly the stock has now been revised, a list is being printed, and, in future, indicators will be used. Incidentally this change will be useful to teachers, who often ask for a catalogue of the books available.

At the Stephenson Branch, where Open Access has now been in force for over a year, the issues were 99,405. Were it not for the lean months at the end of the financial year, already mentioned, they would doubtless have been a good deal higher. Even as it is, they show an increase of 6,796. Except in the case of the juvenile issues (which show a very slight falling off) the increase is distributed pretty evenly over all subjects. At the end of March, 1913, there were 3,916 borrowers, holding 6,217 tickets. Comparing these figures with the higher ones for the Victoria Branch, given just below, it is obvious that the Stephenson is adversely affected by the proximity of the Carnegie Branch. At the annual stocktaking 15 books were missing. One of them has since been recovered.

At the Victoria Library, the issues were 109,345, as against 105,535 last year. At the end of March there were 4,870 borrowers holding 7,603 tickets. At the annual stocktaking 26 volumes were missing. One has since been recovered.

At the Carnegie Library, the issues were 57,068—an increase of 2,087. In general works and magazines, and in books on religion and natural science, there has been a drop ; in all other subjects a rise. At the end of March there were 2,521 borrowers holding 4,162 tickets. During the winter session six lectures have been given—four of them with lantern illustrations. The particulars are as follows :—

Nov. 12th, 1912.—The Story of writing and of the book ; with Northumbria's part therein. Lecturer : J. Walton, Esq., F.L.A. Chairman : Councillor W. Bramble, J.P. *Illustrated.*

Dec. 3rd, 1912.—The British Empire : its growth, its present position, and its future. Lecturer : Professor F. J. C. Hearnshaw, M.A., LL.D. Chairman : Councillor Johnstone Wallace, J.P. *Illustrated.*

Jan. 14th, 1913.—Corals. Lecturer : Leonard Gill, Esq., M.Sc. Chairman : Councillor J. Grantham. *Illustrated.*

Feb. 4th, 1913.—The Children's Magna Charta. Lecturer : Sydney Walton, Esq., B.A., B.Litt., of the Simplified Spelling Society. Chairman : Councillor W. Bramble, J.P.

March 11th, 1913.—Orchids. Lecturer : H. J. Chapman, Esq., F.R.H.S. Chairman : T. M. Clague, Esq. *Illustrated.*

March 17th, 1913.—Proportional representation. Lecturer : Right Hon. Earl Grey. Chairman : Ald. Sir Henry W. Newton, J.P.

At the annual stocktaking five volumes were missing.

At the Lady Stephenson Branch, the issues were 42,901. They show a trifling decrease of 540 as compared with last year. At one time it looked as if there would be a considerable increase, but latterly the advantage has been lost. Philosophy is six lower; Literature and English Fiction are about 2,000 lower. All other classes are higher. At the end of March there were 1,362 readers holding 2,122 tickets. At the annual stocktaking nothing was missing.

Obituary. During the year the Committee has lost, in the person of Dr. Thomas Hodgkin, B.A., D.C.L., Litt.D., one of its distinguished members. He was elected in 1888-9; and although of late years he did not often manage to attend meetings, he retained to the last interest in our proceedings. In 1904-5 he was President of the Library Association. To the organ of that Association our Librarian has contributed a notice of him, which is here reprinted.

A still more recent loss is that of Mr. Matthew Mackey. Though his death actually occurred after the conclusion of the library year (*viz.*, in April), it is fitting that the Committee's deep regret should be here recorded. Mr. Mackey's appointment only dates back to 1911, but his great knowledge of local literature and art caused his presence at Committee meetings to be always welcomed. To the keen pleasure he took in the work of the Sub-Committees, he testified alike by words and by various gifts to the Library.

Conferences.—The Annual Conference of the Library Association was held at Liverpool. The Committee was represented by Alderman Sir Henry W. Newton, Councillor J. Teago, and Mr. Anderton. A report of the proceedings was afterwards circulated.

The Northern Counties Library Association, and the Library Assistants' Association (North Eastern Branch), have continued to hold useful meetings. The former Society met on one occasion (*viz.*, in May, 1912) at Darlington, where Mr. W. S. Corder gave a lecture on the Evolution of the Printed Book, in the course of which he showed by practical demonstration how paper is made. The latter Society has elected Mr. W. H. Gibson, of the Newcastle staff, as its new chairman.

Conclusion.—From the report some idea may be formed of the widened scope of operations, with the vastly increased amount of detail and responsibility involved, in late years, by the accession of so many Branch Libraries to the original parent stem. The Committee recognize all the more gladly their appreciation of the services of their accomplished Chief Librarian; services which have more than equalled the increased

calls made upon him in organizing and directing so many affiliated yet, practically, separate Institutions. They would also express their sense of the cordial and efficient manner in which the members of the Library Staff have fulfilled their duties.

It is a matter of congratulation for the City at large that so many readers respond to the facilities for earnest study afforded by the Public Library. Evidence of this will be seen in the foregoing report, where the two Tables, headed "John Ruskin" and "Herbert Spencer" are but typical instances of English Authors, whose works, worn threadbare by continual use, require to be replaced.

HENRY W. NEWTON,
Chairman.

Town Hall,
July 25th, 1913.

Presented to the City Council, September 3rd, 1913.
Received by the City Council, September 3rd, 1913.

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THOMAS HODGKIN, D.C.L.—We have learnt, with deep regret, of the death of Dr. Thomas Hodgkin, D.C.L., Litt.D., Past-President of the Library Association. As the author of "Italy and her Invaders," "Theodoric the Goth," "George Fox," and other works, he is well known to all our members; to a great many of us his fine personality and picturesque figure will have become familiar in 1904-5, when he acted as our President. At the Annual Conference held in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, he gave a presidential address notable for its cultured urbanity. His conception of a librarian's power and function was a high one; and if he, in his courtesy, regarded librarians as "hierophants of literature," one may conceive that he attributed to them the attainment of ideals by which he himself was influenced in his preoccupation with history and with the broad trend of human progress.

The main facts of his life may be briefly recalled. Born in 1831 at Tottenham, in Middlesex, he was educated at Grove House School (Society of Friends) and University College, London. In 1851 he graduated with classical honours at London University. After gaining a knowledge of the business of banking in Yorkshire and Cumberland, he went to Newcastle to assist in the establishment of the firm of Hodgkin, Barnett, Pease, Spence and Co., which was afterwards amalgamated (1902) with Lloyd's Bank. During this successful business career he spent his leisure in study and research. In the seventies he was preparing for his big historical work, "Italy and her Invaders," the eight volumes of which were published between 1880 and 1899. He naturally travelled a good deal in Italy. As will be seen below, his literary work extended over a period of nearly forty years, and the variety of his interests—historical, antiquarian, economic, religious—may be judged from the titles of his writings. He gave some valuable lectures to the Literary and Philosophical Society upon the Roman occupation of Northumberland. He became a leader among North of England Quakers, and the sort of impression he made upon visitors to the Friends' Meeting House may be judged from a passage in a letter which appeared in the "Sphere"* a few years ago. His discourse is described as "suavely eloquent, unobtrusively scholarly, informed by a broad and liberal piety, delivered in a sweet, expressively modulated, kindly voice by a preacher whose features, tone, style, and manner would mark him out in any assembly in the world as a distinguished man."

Dr. Hodgkin was a Governor, Member of Council, and Hon. Treasurer of Armstrong College (in the University of Durham), and was also a member of the Public Libraries Committee; for years he showed warm interest in the welfare of these Newcastle institutions. Latterly his appearances in public became infrequent. For one thing he was away travelling in Australia (1909), where the emigration question especially interested him; for another, he recognized that he was not growing any younger. One of the last of his public appearances was in September, 1912, when he presided at the unveiling (by the Rt. Hon. Thomas Burt) of a memorial portrait of the Rt. Hon. Robert Spence Watson—a very old friend. The incident is worth mentioning, because Dr. Spence Watson's charming address, given to our Association in the Literary and Philosophical Society's rooms, in 1904, will be long

*Quoted in Newcastle Daily Chronicle, 3rd March, 1913.

remembered by those of us who were present. Dr. Hodgkin spoke of the delightful evenings—Attic Nights, as he called them—which he and Dr. Watson, as members of the Committee, had often enjoyed together, discussing the books proposed for addition to the library of the "Lit. and Phil."

At the end of February, 1913, Dr. Hodgkin went for a holiday to Mawnan, near Falmouth, and there he died suddenly, yet quietly.

WORKS BY THE LATE THOMAS HODGKIN, D.C.L.

(*Arranged chronologically*).

This list, which is believed to be nearly exhaustive, does not include prefaces to other writers' books, nor contributions to periodicals (unless republished).

The Catapult: suggested by the picture painted by A. J. Poynter, in the possession of J. W. Pease. 1873.

Claudian: the last of the Roman poets. 1875.

Italy and her Invaders. 8 vols. 1880-99.

Jordanes (Jornandes): reprinted from the "Encyclopædia Britannica." 1882.

The Pfahlgraben: an essay towards a description of the barrier of the Roman Empire between the Danube and the Rhine. 1882.

The Battle of the Apennines: Totila and Narses. 1883.

The Letters of Cassiodorus: being a condensed translation of the Variae Epistolae; with an introduction. 1886.

Emigration and colonial railways. 1887.

The Exhibition ode. 1887. [Set to music by Dr. W. Rea; sung at the opening of the Newcastle Jubilee Exhibition, 1887].

Think it out: a lecture on Home Rule for Ireland. 1887.

The Dynasty of Theodosius; or, Eighty years' struggle with the barbarians. 1889.

Balfour's Land Purchase Bill: an address. [1890].

Old Testament criticism: an essay contributed to the "Friends' Quarterly Examiner." 1890.

Theodoric the Goth. 1891. (Heroes of the nations).

George Fox. 1896. (Leaders of religion).

Charles the Great. 1897. (Foreign statesmen).

Roman occupation of Northumberland. *In* Newcastle Literary and Philosophical Society Lectures. 1898.

The Society of Friends: reprinted from "Our churches and why we belong to them." 1898.

The Walls, gates, and aqueducts of Rome. 1899.

Thoughts of many years: poems. 1900. *Printed for private circulation.*

Ernst Curtius. 1905.

The History of England from the earliest times to the Norman Conquest. 1906. (*Viz.*, vol. I. of Hunt and Poole's Political History of England).

National Education: a retrospect and a prospect. 1906.

The Wardens of the northern marches. 1908.

Human progress and the inward light. 1911. (Swarthmore lecture).

The Trial of our faith, and other papers. 1911.

Southward ho! being a plea for a greatly extended and scientific system of emigration to Australia. 1912.

B.A.

TABLE I.

SHOWING THE TOTAL STOCK OF BOOKS IN THE LIBRARIES AT 31ST MARCH, 1913.

Reference Library	77,290
Central Lending Library	40,068
Stephenson Branch	18,677
Victoria Branch	18,258
Carnegie Branch	8,150
Lady Stephenson Branch	7,747
Total	170,190

TABLE II.

SHOWING THE ADDITIONS TO, AND ALTERATIONS IN, STOCK DURING THE YEAR.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

By	Purchase (Ordinary)		802
,,	Purchase (Technical)		142
,,	Gifts (including 214 volumes of Patents)		509
,,	Magazines bound from Newsroom (purchased)		122
,,	,, ,, ,, ,, (presented)		36
,,	Transfer from Stephenson Branch		1
,,	,, ,, Victoria Branch		2
			1,614
	LESS—Withdrawn from Stock	105	
	Volumes transferred to Central Lending Library	6	
	,, ,, ,, Stephenson Branch	2	
			113
			1,501

CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.

By	Purchase		381
,,	Gift		15
,,	Magazines bound from Newsroom		43
,,	Transfer from Reference Library		6
,,	,, ,, Stephenson Branch		1
			446
	LESS—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	176	
	Volumes transferred to Stephenson Branch	2	
	,, ,, ,, Carnegie Branch	3	
	,, ,, ,, Lady Stephenson Branch	2	
			183
			263

Stephenson Branch Library.

By	Purchase		304
,,	Gift		43
,,	Magazines bound from Newsroom		36
,,	Transfer from Central Lending		2
,,	,, ,, Reference		2
			387
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	202	
	Volume transferred to Reference	1	
	Volume transferred to Central Lending	1	
			204
			183

Victoria Branch Library.

By	Purchase		262
,,	Gift		57
,,	Magazines bound from Newsroom		37
			356
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	159	
	Volumes transferred to Reference	2	
			161
			195

Carnegie Branch Library.

By	Purchase		276
,,	Gift		26
,,	Magazines bound from Newsroom		6
,,	Transfer from Central Lending		3
			311
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	22	
	Volume transferred to Lady Stephenson	1	
			23
			288

Lady Stephenson Branch Library.

By	Purchase		269
,,	Gift		53
,,	Transfer from Central Lending		2
,,	,, ,, Carnegie Branch		1
			325
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock		44
			281

Net Additions to Stock for Year Ending 31st March, 1913—2,711.

TABLE III.

Showing Number of Volumes Bound and Replaced During the Year.

	Reference Library.	Central Lending Library.	Stephenson Branch Library.	Victoria Branch Library.	Carnegie Branch Library.	Lady Stephenson Branch Library.	Total.
Volumes Bound ..	1,080*	2,069	947	717	513	608	5,934
Volumes Replaced	—	760	560	549	372	262	2,503

* Includes 214 Volumes of Patents.

TABLE IV.

Showing Number of Readers' Tickets in force at end of Library Year (Lending Libraries).

	Central Lending Library.	Stephenson Branch Library.	Victoria Branch Library.	Carnegie Branch Library.	Lady Stephenson Branch Library.	Total.
Citizen:						
Ordinary Tickets	2,996	1,085	1,137	827	213	6,258
Non-Fiction Tickets	2,015	619	703	793	205	4,335
Non-Citizen:						
Ordinary Tickets	6,639	2,831	3,733	1,694	1,149	16,046
Non-Fiction Tickets	4,726	1,682	2,030	848	555	9,841
Total	16,376	6,217	7,603	4,162	2,122	36,480

TABLE V.—REFERENCE LIBRARY.

SHEWING THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES CONSULTED IN THE REFERENCE LIBRARY DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1913, THE NUMBER OF DAYS OPEN, THE AVERAGE DAILY ISSUE, AND THE TOTAL ISSUE IN EACH CLASS.

DATE.	Thomlinson Library.	Patent Specifications.	General Works, Magazines, &c.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology, Political Science and Economy, Education.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays, Satire, &c.)	History, Biography, and Geography.	TOTAL ISSUE.	Number of Days Open.	Average Daily Issue.
1912.															
April	33	129	4,946	124	143	374	97	351	990	529	446	1,341	9,503	23½	404
May	4	66	2,460	19	236	467	67	627	813	679	355	1,509	7,302	25½	286
June	—	57	2,731	207	252	574	91	199	883	463	266	1,496	7,219	24	301
July	11	81	2,227	119	239	476	129	486	1,097	634	302	1,786	7,587	27	281
August	11	123	2,921	147	143	389	85	346	1,150	540	224	1,646	7,725	26	297
September	11	173	2,641	30	132	592	97	186	1,960	584	304	1,978	8,688	25	348
October	14	252	3,560	364	302	562	38	329	1,402	587	460	2,061	9,951	27	368
November	3	86	2,641	53	162	454	129	355	1,109	568	473	1,700	7,733	26	297
December	—	80	3,447	51	115	364	85	385	1,023	519	569	1,689	8,327	24	347
1913.															
January	6	260	3,241	84	101	442	135	677	1,563	652	560	1,844	9,565	25	383
February	147	79	2,904	68	101	445	151	296	1,051	629	278	1,925	8,074	24	336
March	26	242	2,411	328	119	383	126	1,358	1,310	980	1,014	3,106	11,403	23½	485
Total issue in each Class ..	266	1,628	36,130	1,594	2,045	5,522	1,250	5,595	14,351	7,364	5,251	22,081	103,077	300½	343

This total does not include the consultations of Indices and Abridgments of Patents (10,745).

TABLE VI.—CENTRAL LENDING AND BRANCH LIBRARIES.

Summary of Issues to Adult and Juvenile Readers for Year Ended March 31st, 1913.

		General Works, Magazines, &c.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology, Political Science and Economy, Education.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays, Satire, Fiction, &c.)	History, Biography, and Geography.	Total Issue.	Number of Days Open.	Average Daily Issue.
Central :—	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*4,106*	*1,014*	*1,890*	*2,668*	*899*	*3,063*	*5,791*	*7,164*	*113,766*	*13,588*	*153,949*	*271*	*568*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*2,692*	*16*	*98*	*665*	*40*	*760*	*504*	*390*	*24,152*	*1,705*	*31,022*	*271*	*114*
	Total ..	6,798	1,030	1,988	3,333	939	3,823	6,295	7,554	137,918	15,293	184,971	271	682
Stephenson :—	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*5,854*	*327*	*598*	*1,194*	*355*	*1,818*	*2,910*	*4,503*	*51,107*	*6,203*	*74,869*	*271*	*276*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*2,023*	*2*	*125*	*2,378*	*42*	*598*	*287*	*525*	*17,098*	*1,458*	*24,536*	*271*	*91*
	Total ..	7,877	329	723	3,572	397	2,416	3,197	5,028	68,205	7,661	99,405	271	367
Victoria :—	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*5,050*	*258*	*494*	*1,257*	*546*	*1,824*	*3,865*	*4,587*	*54,833*	*6,839*	*79,553*	*271*	*293*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*2,399*	*62*	*305*	*2,956*	*43*	*1,191*	*386*	*670*	*19,936*	*1,844*	*29,792*	*271*	*110*
	Total ..	7,449	320	799	4,213	589	3,015	4,251	5,257	74,769	8,683	109,345	271	403
Carnegie :—	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*2,089*	*201*	*338*	*471*	*187*	*685*	*1,288*	*1,779*	*24,571*	*3,113*	*34,722*	*271*	*128*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*1,049*	—	*124*	*2,065*	*18*	*759*	*374*	*328*	*16,514*	*1,115*	*22,346*	*271*	*83*
	Total ..	3,138	201	462	2,536	205	1,444	1,662	2,107	41,085	4,228	57,068	271	211
Lady Stephenson:—	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*3,107*	*86*	*125*	*470*	*141*	*624*	*1,586*	*1,269*	*17,753*	*1,949*	*27,110*	*271*	*100*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*785*	—	*71*	*324*	*32*	*626*	*349*	*286*	*12,554*	*764*	*15,791*	*271*	*58*
	Total ..	3,892	86	196	794	173	1,250	1,935	1,555	30,307	2,713	42,901	271	158
Total issue in each Class		29,154	1,966	4,168	14,448	2,303	11,948	17,340	21,501	352,284	38,578	493,690	271	1,821

Taking the issues of all departments into account, the fiction percentage is 54.42.

THE FOLLOWING NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS ARE SUPPLIED TO THE NEWSROOMS, OR TO THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

N.B.—Those marked with an Asterisk (*) are kindly presented, the names of the donors being enclosed in parentheses.
Copies of those marked R are bound and placed in the Reference Library.
Copies of those marked L are bound and placed in the Lending Library on removal from the News Room Tables.

For publications of Societies such as the "Geographical Journal," the "Journal of the Royal Society of Arts," the "Journal of Chemical Industry," etc., refer to list of Societies, pp. 21.

DAILIES :—

Birmingham Post.
Financial News.
Freeman's Journal.
Glasgow Herald.
Irish Times.
Leeds Mercury.
Liverpool Mercury.
London Daily Chronicle.
,, Daily Citizen.
,, Daily Graphic.
,, Daily Herald.
,, Daily News. 3 copies.
,, Daily Telegraph.
,, Morning Post.
,, Pall Mall Gazette.
,, St. James' Gazette.
,, Standard.
R ,, Times. (*Also* Monthly Index)
Manchester Courier.
Manchester Guardian.
Melbourne Argus.
R Newcastle Daily Chronicle. 5 copies.
R Newcastle Daily Journal. 5 copies.
Newcastle Evening Chronicle. 5 cop's
Newcastle Evening Mail.
North Mail.
*North Star (Publishers).
Northern Echo.
Scotsman.
Shields Daily Gazette.
Shipping and Mercantile Gazette.
Yorkshire Post.

WEEKLIES :—

R Academy.
R*Accountant (Publishers).
Adelaide Chronicle, S. Australia.
*Alliance News (Publisher).
Amateur Photographer.
R Architect.
Army and Navy Gazette.
R Athenæum.
*Auto-Motor Journal (Publisher).
Bazaar, Exchange, and Mart.

WEEKLIES—*Continued.*

*Bioscope (Publisher).
R*Board of Trade Journal (Board of Trade).
Bookseller.
*British Architect (Publishers).
British Australasian.
R British Journal of Photography.
R Builder.
Canada
*Canadian (Publisher).
*Canadian Mail (Publisher).
Cape Argus.
R Carpenter and Builder.
R Chemical News.
Christian World.
Clarion.
R Colliery Guardian.
Contract Journal.
*Co-operative News (Newcastle Co-operative Society).
Country Life.
*Drapers' Record (Publishers).
R Economist.
R Electrical Review.
*Electrical Times (Publishers).
R*Electrician (Publishers).
R Electrotechnische Zeitschrift.
R Engineer.
R Engineering.
R English Mechanic.
Era.
*Estates Gazette (S. F. Riches, Esq.)
Exchange and Mart. *See* BAZAAR.
Field, Farm, and Garden.
*Flight (Publishers).
R Garden.
Gartenlaube.
Gas World.
Gentlewoman.
R Graphic. 3 copies.
*Greater Vancouver Chinook (Publisher).
Grocer.
*Home and Colonial Mail (Publishers).
Hospital.
R Illustrated London News. 3 copies.

WEEKLIES—*Continued.*

R*Illustrated Official Journal—Patents (Patent Office).
R Iron and Coal Trades Review.
Jewish Chronicle.
Journal des Débats.
Justice.
Labour Leader.
Lady.
Lady's Pictorial.
R Lancet.
*Local Government Chronicle (Publishers).
R*Local Government Journal (Publishers).
*Local Government Officer (Publishers).
*Machinery Market (Publishers).
Mark Lane Express.
R Mining Journal.
*Motor Cycle (Publishers).
*Motor Traction (Publishers).
Municipal Journal.
L Musical News.
R Nation.
R Nature.
New Statesman.
R Newcastle Weekly Chronicle. 3 copies
Northern Weekly Leader. 2 copies.
R Notes and Queries.
Our Dogs.
Outlook.
L Phonetic Journal.
Pitman's Shorthand Weekly.
*Poor Law Officers' Journal (Publishers).
*Practical Engineer (Publishers).
Publisher's Circular.
R Punch. 3 copies.
Queen.
Railway Gazette.
*Railway Review (Publishers).
R Sanitary Record.
R Saturday Review.
Schoolmaster.
R*Shipping World (Publishers).
R Spectator.
Sphere.
Stage.
R*Trade Marks Journal (Patent Office).
Truth.
*Tyneside Sunday Lecture Society's Programme (The Society).
*Universe (Catholic Reading Guild).
Votes for Women.
*Weekly Return of the Registrar-General (Town Clerk).
Work.
World.

FORTNIGHTLIES :—

R Geologisches Centralblatt.
R Journal de Mathématiques Elementaires.

FORTNIGHTLIES—*Continued.*

L Magasin Pittoresque. 2 copies.
L Revue des Deux Mondes.

MONTHLIES :—

Aeronautics
*Agricultural Economist (Publishers).
American Library Association Book List.
*Animals' Friend (Miss P. Lowry). 2 copies.
*Animals' Guardian (Publisher).
*Anti-Suffrage Review (Mrs. G. B. Stuart).
R Antiquary.
*Arbitrator (Publishers).
R Architectural Review.
*Arms and Explosives (Publishers).
R Army List.
Army and Navy Chronicle.
Atlantic Monthly.
L Badminton Magazine.
R Bibliothèque Universelle.
L&R Blackwood's Magazine.
R Bookman.
R Book Monthly.
*British Columbia (Publisher).
*British Esperantist (Publishers)
*British Friend (Publisher).
British Review.
British Socialist.
L Cassier's Magazine.
L&R Century Magazine.
L&R Chambers's Journal.
Child.
L Child Life.
R Classical Review.
*Clerk of Works Journal (Publishers).
*Concord (Peace Association).
L&R Contemporary Review.
L Cornhill Magazine
*Deliverer (Women's Social Work).
L Deutsche Rundschau.
R Durham College of Medicine Gazette.
*Educational Times (F. Hodgson, Esq.)
Engineering Review.
L English Illustrated Magazine.
Englishwoman.
R Expositor.
*Foresters' Miscellany (Publishers).
L&R Fortnightly Review.
*Free Russia (The English Society of Friends of Russian Freedom).
*Free Trader (Publisher).
L Harper's Monthly.
Hellenic Herald.
*Home (Publishers).
*I. C. S. Student (I. C. Schools).
Illustrated Poultry Record.
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*Incorporated Accountants' Journal (J. Martin, Esq.)

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City and County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Thirty-Third Report

OF THE

Public Libraries Committee,

1913-14.

To the Members of the City Council.

GENTLEMEN,

Your Committee beg to append hereto the Public Librarian's Report for the past year.

They record their deep sense of the loss sustained by the death of Alderman Sir Henry William Newton, J.P., Chairman of the Public Library Committee. Connected as he had been with the institution from the inception of the Library movement in Newcastle down to the time of his death, his knowledge and experience of Library work was probably unique; and to his guidance and vigilance throughout his Chairmanship the Newcastle Public Library largely owes the position now taken by it among the public libraries of the country. The loss of such services leaves a blank that may well be called irreparable.

They have also to record their unabated appreciation of the work performed and of the excellent spirit with which this has been carried out in the past year by the Libraries' staff; whilst in the varied functions of the Central and Branch Libraries, now grown to the dimensions of so large an organization, the knowledge, experience and administrative qualities of our Chief Librarian, Mr. Basil Anderton, M.A., have continued to be more than ever conspicuous.

Signed :—

R. FLOWERS,

Chairman of the Public Libraries Committee.

R. O. HESLOP,

Vice-Chairman of the Books and House Committee.

CHIEF LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,

Since the conclusion of the municipal year, the Public Library has suffered a heavy loss by the death of Alderman Sir Henry W. Newton, J.P. It is now forty-four years since he moved a resolution in the Town Council (thus reviving his father's proposal of 1854) in favour of the establishment of a Public Library in Newcastle. Working forward from that time, viz., February, 1870, often in the face of opposition both within the Council and without, he at last accomplished his object in 1879, and in 1880 the Central Lending Library was opened to the public. The opening ceremony was performed by Mr. Joseph Cowen, who spoke of the expansion in social conditions during the last half century. Such expansion and such progress would have been impossible without that liberty of thought which must surely be fostered by the work of a Public Library. He asked that the first book issued from the Library should be John Stuart Mill's *Essay on Liberty*.

Sir Henry Newton had already been elected Chairman of the Libraries Committee in 1874, and he has held that position ever since. He has presided over a steady expansion of policy in library organization and efficiency. In 1884 the Reference Department was opened by the Prince of Wales, afterwards King Edward VII. In 1894 the Thomlinson Collection, which had been handed over to the Corporation, was inaugurated in its new premises by Sir J.W. B. Riddell, Bart., J.P. In the same year the Lecture Hall of the old Mechanics' Institution was opened as a Magazine Room. In 1897 the Stephenson Branch Library, and in 1899 the Victoria Branch, were placed at the disposal of the East and West ends of the City, through the generosity of Alderman Sir W. H. Stephenson, D.C.L. In 1909 the Committee's operations, by the opening of the Carnegie and Lady Stephenson Branches, extended the movement still further towards the limits of Newcastle. Concurrently with this expansion the stock of books has increased. In 1880 it was 20,000. Now, in spite of the thousands of books that in the course of years have for various reasons been discarded, it numbers 172,330. Sir Henry Newton has shown in his chairmanship the excellent qualities of alertness, rapidity of judgment, adaptability and sound common sense. His public services will be long remembered, and his death (on June 21st, 1914) sincerely regretted.

On March 31st, 1914, at the conclusion of the municipal year, the total stock of books was 172,330, the increase during the year having been 2,140. Two departments, viz., the Stephenson and Victoria Branches, show a decrease, owing to a careful revision of certain sections of the stock and the discarding of books worn out and not worth replacing. The total is made up as follows :—

Reference Library - - - -	78,788
Central Lending Library - -	40,705
Stephenson Branch - - - -	18,242
Victoria Branch - - - -	17,839
Carnegie Branch - - - -	8,443
Lady Stephenson Branch - -	8,313

The total number of volumes acquired, by gift or purchase, was 9,564 ; but of these, 4,698 were simply replacements of books worn out, and so do not affect the stock. There remain 4,866 accessions ; but between 2,000 and 3,000 were discarded from the various lending departments as useless, so that the net gain, as above said, is only 2,140. Details are given in Tables 1–3.

The total number of readers' tickets in force in the lending libraries at the end of the year was 37,690 ; and this is an increase of 1,210 on the previous year.

Of this total,	16,343	were for the	Central Lending Library.
	6,512	,, ,,	Stephenson Branch.
	7,555	,, ,,	Victoria Branch.
	4,404	,, ,,	Carnegie Branch.
	2,876	,, ,,	Lady Stephenson Branch.

For details, see Table 4.

The total issues for the year were 591,695. This total, owing to a heavy drop in the issue of adult fiction, (viz., 17,384) is less than last year's total by 15,817. The total of other classes of literature shows an increase of 1,567. The Reference Library issued 117,285,* or 3,463 more than last year ; the Central Lending, with a fall of 9,678 in Fiction, accounted for 176,733, being 8,238 less than last year ; the Stephenson Branch, with a fall of 1,918 in Fiction, accounted for 98,650, being 755 less than last year ; the Victoria, with a fall of 4,474 in Fiction, accounted for 102,674, being 6,671 less than last year ; the Carnegie, with a fall

*This includes 14,375 consultations of Indices and Abridgments of Patents. The number is based on periodical countings.

of 314 in Fiction, accounted for 59,084, being 2,016 higher than last year; the Lady Stephenson, with a fall of 1,000 in Fiction, accounted for 37,269, being 5,632 less than last year. The general result is, as stated, a decrease of 15,817.

As has been made clear in professional Library journals, a great many libraries up and down the country have this year had a like experience of falling issues. The causes of such fluctuations are obscure.

The chief special work, so far as the Central Libraries are concerned, has been the preparation of a Supplement to the Useful Arts Catalogue. During the last eleven years (since the first Useful Arts Catalogue was published) many new books have been acquired, especially on such subjects as Engineering in its various branches, on Commerce, on Chemical Technology, on Manufactures, Shipbuilding, etc.; and in an industrial centre such as this it is desirable to keep the Catalogue in these subjects up-to-date. The work is now going through the press.

The re-organisation of the Reference Library Catalogue, which was described in the last Annual Report, has made steady progress. It is a long and laborious task; but the final gain in lucidity will give ample compensation for the trouble.

The catalogue of Blue Books and Parliamentary Papers has this year made excellent progress. The manuscript is now nearly completed.

With regard to the issues from the Reference Library, the following are the most notable changes:—General Works (with encyclopædias, magazines, etc.) have dropped by about 3,500; Religion has dropped by about 600; Philology has risen by 2,000; Natural Science has risen by about 1,700; Useful Arts have risen by about 2,400; Fine Arts have dropped by 600; Literature has risen by about 800; History has dropped by nearly 2,300; Indices and Abridgments of Patents have risen by 3,600.

Exhibitions of books on special or topical subjects have been made as usual. For example, the works of the late Dr. Thomas Hodgkin, of Lord Avebury, of Professor E. Dowden, of A. Russel Wallace, etc., have been shown; there have been exhibitions of publications of the various learned societies to which we subscribe; local art (viz., Birket Foster's work), and local biography have been represented; and also such subjects as Antarctic exploration and aerial navigation. Students of Armstrong College have had the advantage of seeing and handling

some of our more valuable books under the guidance of Professor Allen Mawer, who came with his class to examine our copies of Chaucer, Milton, Blake, etc., and of Dr. J. Wight Duff who, somewhat later, gave instruction in Palæography by the aid of the Ravenna MS. (facsimile) of Aristophanes, and the Laurentian MS. (facsimile) of Sophocles.

In the Central Lending Library the issues, in almost every subject but Fiction, have increased. 305 volumes have been withdrawn from stock, 1,738 have been bound, and 1,471 have been replaced. The character of the lists for replacements has been much of the usual character. Novels and children's books have predominated in them, but other books have also made their appearance, such as Minto's Logic, Reed's Engineers' handbook, Mitchell's Building construction, Beethoven's Symphony (no. 5 in C minor), Sever and Townsend's Laboratory and factory tests in electrical engineering.

At the Annual Stocktaking, six volumes were missing. One of them has since been recovered.

Branch Libraries. At the Stephenson and Victoria Branches, apart from the ordinary routine work, the chief event of the year was the overhauling of the books of Fiction. This involved the discarding of effete stock, the replacement of a number of novels that had got too soiled for further use, and the purchase of a good many new volumes.

As a result of this work the stock of both libraries as a whole has diminished this year, in spite of fresh accessions. At the Stephenson, 885 volumes have been discarded (of which 799 were Fiction); and the total drop in stock was 435. At the Victoria, 941 were discarded (of which 762 were Fiction); and the total drop in stock was 419. The fiction shelves are now however fresher and more attractive. At the Stephenson Library 675 volumes have been bound, and 1,142 replaced. At the Victoria 630 volumes have been bound, and 1,160 replaced.

At the Stephenson Library 27 volumes were missing at the Annual Stocktaking; none of them has been recovered. At the Victoria, 22 were missing, of which three have since been recovered.

At the other two Branches it has recently* been decided to throw the fiction shelves open to the public, instead of issuing the books as heretofore by means of indicators. Henceforth, therefore, all the Branches will be worked on the same system.

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*Viz., in May, 1914.

At the Carnegie Branch the lectures again proved an interesting feature of the year's work. The following is the record of them :—

Nov. 18th, 1913.—The Ordnance of the 14th and 15th centuries. Lecturer : R. C. Clephan, Esq., F.S.A. Chairman : Lieut-Colonel A. G. Hadcock, T.D. *Illustrated.*

Dec. 2nd, 1913.—Newcastle in the Middle Ages. Lecturer : John McQuillen, Esq. Chairman : Councillor W. Bramble, J.P. *Illustrated.*

Jan. 20th, 1914.—Prehistoric Man. Lecturer : H. S. Wallace, Esq., F.E.S. Chairman : Councillor J. Chapman. *Illustrated.*

Feb. 10th, 1914.—A Night with Bewick. Lecturer : T. M. Clague, Esq. Chairman : Councillor Swainson T. Taylor. *Illustrated.*

March 10th, 1914.—Shakespeare and his Contemporaries. Lecturer : Principal W. H. Hadow, M.A., Mus. Doc., F.R.S.L. Chairman : The Right Hon. The Lord Mayor (Councillor Johnstone Wallace, J.P.)

The issues of this Branch show an increase of about 2,000. 275 volumes have been withdrawn from stock, 368 have been bound, and 488 replaced. At the Annual Stocktaking one volume was missing which has not been recovered.

At the Lady Stephenson Branch the total issue was 37,269. The juvenile issue has dropped by 3,914, the adult by 1,718. Of this drop in the adult issues, 1,000 were fiction. 389 volumes have been bound during the year, and 437 replaced. Five volumes were missing at Stocktaking, and have not been recovered.

Newsrooms.—These rooms in the various libraries have continued to be much frequented. Periodical countings are made of the visitors, and on these countings the following totals for the year are based :—

Central.—Week-days, 124,600 Magazine Room.
497,770 Newsroom.
Sundays, 23,816. do.

The above figures do not include visitors to the Ladies' Table.
Stephenson.—210,651 (including 24,641 Ladies).
Victoria.—190,216 (including 10,818 Ladies.)
Carnegie.—88,920.
Lady Stephenson.—92,950 (including 7,700 Ladies).
Total—1,228,923.

Conferences.—The Annual Conference of the Library Association was this year held at Bournemouth. Alderman Flowers, Alderman Harkus (Deputy Lord Mayor), and Mr. Anderton attended as the Committee's delegates. A report of the proceedings has been already circulated. Mr. Anderton read a paper *On planning a printed catalogue of local literature.*

The Northern Union of Mechanics' Institutes held its annual meeting at the Town Hall, Newcastle, by courtesy of the Lord Mayor, on Sept. 4th 1913. The president was Sir Francis Blake, Bart.

Your obedient Servant,

BASIL ANDERTON,

Chief Librarian.

Town Hall,

July 31*st*, 1914.

Presented to the City Council, September 2nd, 1914.

Received by the City Council, September 2nd, 1914.

TABLE I.

Showing the Total Stock of Books in the Libraries at 31st March, 1914.

Reference Library	78,788
Central Lending Library	40,705
Stephenson Branch	18,242
Victoria Branch	17,839
Carnegie Branch	8,443
Lady Stephenson Branch	8,313
Total	172,330

TABLE II.

Showing the Additions to, and Alterations in, Stock during the Year.

Reference Library.

By Purchase (Ordinary)		997
Purchase (Technical)		111
Gifts (including 203 volumes of Patents)		502
Magazines bound from Newsroom (purchased)		225
,, ,, ,, ,, (presented)		34
Transfer from Stephenson Branch		2
,, ,, Victoria Branch		1
,, ,, Carnegie Branch		2
,, ,, Lady Stephenson Branch		1
,, ,, Central Lending Library		4
		1,879
Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	275	
Volumes transferred to Central Lending Library	10	
,, ,, ,, Stephenson Branch	15	
,, ,, ,, Victoria Branch	26	
,, ,, ,, Carnegie Branch	16	
,, ,, ,, Lady Stephenson Branch	39	
	—	381
		1,498

Central Lending Library.

By Purchase		894
Gift		29
Magazines bound from Newsroom		38
Transfer from Reference Library		10
		971
Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	305	
Volumes transferred to Carnegie Branch	10	
,, ,, ,, Reference Library	4	
,, ,, ,, Stephenson Branch	2	
,, ,, ,, Victoria Branch	3	
,, ,, ,, Lady Stephenson Branch	10	
	—	334
		637

Stephenson Branch Library.

By	Purchase		416
	Gift		5
	Magazines bound from Newsroom		17
	Transfer from Central Lending Library		2
	,, ,, Reference Library		15
			455
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	885	
	Volumes transferred to Reference Library	2	
	,, ,, ,, Carnegie Branch	2	
	,, ,, ,, Lady Stephenson Branch	1	
			890
			—435

Victoria Branch Library.

By	Purchase		447
	Gift		11
	Magazines bound from Newsroom		34
	Transfer from Central Lending Library		3
	,, ,, Reference Library		26
	,, ,, Lady Stephenson Branch		2
			523
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	941	
	Volume transferred to Reference Library	1	
			942
			—419

Carnegie Branch Library.

By	Purchase		527
	Gift		7
	Magazines bound from Newsroom		6
	Transfer from Reference Library		16
	,, ,, Lending Library		10
	,, ,, Stephenson Branch		2
	,, ,, Lady Stephenson Branch		2
			570
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	275	
	Volumes transferred to Reference Library	2	
			277
			293

Lady Stephenson Branch Library.

By	Purchase		556
	Gift		7
	Magazines bound from Newsroom		3
	Transfer from Reference Library		39
	,, ,, Lending Library		10
	,, ,, Stephenson Branch		1
			616
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	45	
	Volumes transferred to Reference Library	1	
	,, ,, ,, Victoria Branch	2	
	,, ,, ,, Carnegie Branch	2	
			50
			566

Net Additions to Stock for Year Ending 31st March, 1914—2,140

TABLE III.

Showing Number of Volumes Bound and Replaced During the Year.

	Reference Library.	Central Lending Library.	Stephenson Branch Library.	Victoria Branch Library.	Carnegie Branch Library.	Lady Stephenson Branch Library.	Total.
Volumes Bound ..	1,098*	1,738	675	630	368	389	4,898
Volumes Replaced	—	1,471	1,142	1,160	488	437	4,698

* Includes 203 Volumes of Patents.

TABLE IV.

Showing Number of Readers' Tickets in force at end of Library Year (Lending Libraries).

	Central Lending Library.	Stephenson Branch Library.	Victoria Branch Library.	Carnegie Branch Library.	Lady Stephenson Branch Library.	Total.
Citizen:						
Ordinary Tickets	3,172	1,024	1,114	912	549	6,771
Non-Fiction Tickets	2,403	721	827	874	539	5,364
Non-Citizen:						
Ordinary Tickets	6,332	2,982	3,645	1,754	1,159	15,872
Non-Fiction Tickets	4,436	1,785	1,969	864	629	9,683
Total	16,343	6,512	7,555	4,404	2,876	37,690

TABLE V.—REFERENCE LIBRARY.

SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES CONSULTED IN THE REFERENCE LIBRARY DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1914, THE NUMBER OF DAYS OPEN, THE AVERAGE DAILY ISSUE, AND THE TOTAL ISSUE IN EACH CLASS.

DATE.	Thomlinson Library.	Patent Specifications.	General Works, Magazines, &c.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology, Political Science and Economy, Education.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays, Satire, &c.)	History, Biography, and Geography.	TOTAL ISSUE.	Number of Days Open.	Average Daily Issue.
1913.															
April	6	52	2,344	24	137	469	164	496	1,410	742	378	1,779	8,001	26	308
May	31	168	3,373	9	108	440	196	635	1,029	628	727	1,687	9,031	25½	354
June	3	237	2,221	14	56	509	122	689	1,091	393	769	1,565	7,669	24	320
July	3	87	2,524	22	80	383	94	229	1,220	534	173	1,463	6,812	27	252
August	1	164	3,196	28	167	554	118	291	1,294	373	268	1,423	7,877	25	315
September	10	115	2,838	24	143	501	88	236	1,506	372	298	1,620	7,751	26	298
October	3	125	3,080	22	137	442	206	324	1,769	735	537	1,370	8,750	27	324
November	1	92	3,576	67	119	369	1,075	1,119	1,620	674	562	2,490	11,764	25	471
December	9	58	1,833	411	102	420	849	597	1,258	312	412	1,357	7,618	25	305
1914.															
January	4	93	2,405	35	129	468	94	359	1,487	538	456	1,488	7,556	25	302
February	9	229	2,403	126	103	582	131	1,145	1,309	726	378	1,709	8,850	24	369
March	104	112	2,845	563	180	651	138	1,161	1,736	751	1,130	1,860	11,231	26	432
Total issue in each Class ..	184	1,532	32,638	1,345	1,461	5,788	3,275	7,281	16,729	6,778	6,088	19,811	†102,910	305½	337

This total does not include the consultations of Indices and Abridgments of Patents (14,375). See p. 3.

TABLE VI.—CENTRAL LENDING AND BRANCH LIBRARIES.

Summary of Issues to Adult and Juvenile Readers for Year Ended March 31st, 1914.

		General Works, Magazines, &c.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology, Political Science and Economy, Education.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays, Satire, Fiction, &c.)	History, Biography, and Geography.	Total Issue.	Number of Days Open.	Average Daily Issue.
Central :—	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*4,168*	*1,318*	*2,031*	*3,071*	*1,328*	*3,518*	*6,698*	*7,935*	*105,416*	*13,652*	*149,135*	*275*	*542*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*2,369*	*2*	*83*	*626*	*12*	*654*	*588*	*381*	*21,374*	*1,509*	*27,598*	*275*	*100*
	Total ..	6,537	1,320	2,114	3,697	1,340	4,172	7,286	8,316	126,790	15,161	176,733	275	642
Stephenson :—	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*5,511*	*357*	*473*	*1,158*	*528*	*2,073*	*3,263*	*3,995*	*48,852*	*6,208*	*72,418*	*275*	*263*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*1,611*	*10*	*152*	*2,318*	*59*	*1,254*	*538*	*644*	*17,763*	*1,883*	*26,232*	*275*	*96*
	Total ..	7,122	367	625	3,476	587	3,327	3,801	4,639	66,615	8,091	98,650	275	359
Victoria :—	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*5,310*	*325*	*497*	*1,088*	*507*	*1,973*	*3,497*	*3,882*	*49,968*	*6,227*	*73,274*	*275*	*266*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*1,995*	*54*	*247*	*2,932*	*42*	*1,500*	*507*	*510*	*19,913*	*1,700*	*29,400*	*275*	*107*
	Total ..	7,305	379	744	4,020	549	3,473	4,004	4,392	69,881	7,927	102,674	275	373
Carnegie :—	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*2,055*	*178*	*306*	*436*	*284*	*875*	*1,437*	*1,717*	*24,165*	*3,143*	*34,596*	*275*	*126*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*957*	—	*114*	*2,194*	*38*	*1,098*	*667*	*548*	*17,287*	*1,585*	*24,488*	*275*	*89*
	Total ..	3,012	178	420	2,630	322	1,973	2,104	2,265	41,452	4,728	59,084	275	215
Lady Stephenson:—	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*3,320*	*74*	*116*	*328*	*180*	*692*	*1,452*	*1,088*	*16,394*	*1,748*	*25,392*	*275*	*92*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*692*	—	*33*	*235*	*11*	*453*	*287*	*271*	*9,316*	*579*	*11,877*	*275*	*43*
	Total ..	4,012	74	149	563	191	1,145	1,739	1,359	25,710	2,327	37,269	275	135
Total issue in each Class ..	..	27,988	2,318	4,052	14,386	2,989	14,090	18,934	20,971	330,448	38,234	474,410	275	1,725

Taking the issues of all departments into account, the fiction percentage is 52.12.

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DAILIES :—

Birmingham Post.
Financial News.
Freeman's Journal.
Glasgow Herald.
Irish Times.
Leeds Mercury.
Liverpool Mercury.
London Daily Chronicle.
,, Daily Citizen.
,, Daily Graphic.
,, Daily Herald.
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Studio (s, v).
Sunday at Home (s).

MONTHLIES—*Continued.*

Tramway and Railway World (v).
*Tramway Journal (Councillor J. H. Rodgers). (c).
*Tramway and Railway World (Councillor J. H. Rodgers). (c).
*White Ribbon (Mrs. Hay). (s, v).
Windsor Magazine (s, v).
Woodworker (s, v).

QUARTERLIES :—

Edinburgh Review (s).
*Lord's Day (The Society). (c)
Quarterly Review (v).

RAILWAY GUIDES :—

(Presented, with the exception of Bradshaw and Reid's Railway Guide, by the Companies).

Bradshaw's Guide (s, v).
*Caledonian Railway (s, v, c, LS).
*Cambrian Railway (s, v).
*Cook's Ocean Sailing List (c).
*Glasgow and South-Western Railway (s, v, c, LS).
*Great Central Railway (s, v, c, LS).
*Great Eastern Railway (s, v, c, LS).
*Great Eastern Railway : Continental Guide (s).
*Great North of Scotland Railway (s, v).
*Great Northern Railway (s, v, c, LS).
*Great Southern and Western Railway of Ireland (s, v).
*Great Western Railway (s, v).
*Highland Railway (s, v).
*Hull and Holland Steamship Service (s, v).
*Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (s, v, c, LS).
*London and North-Western Railway (s, v. c, LS).
*London and South-Western Railway (s, v, c, LS).
*London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway (s, v).
*Midland Railway (s, v, LS).
*North British Railway (s, v, c, LS).
*North-Eastern Railway (s, v, c, LS).
Reid's Railway Guide (s, v, c, LS).
*South-Eastern and Chatham Railway (s, v).
*South-Eastern and Chatham Railway : Continental Guide (s, v).
*Zeeland Steamship Co., Flushing route to Continent (v.)

On the receipt of the new issue of the undermentioned papers at the Central, the Stephenson, and the Victoria Libraries, respectively, the previous issue is transferred to the Carnegie Library :—

FROM THE CENTRAL LIBRARY :—

Animals' Guardian.
Auto Motor Journal.
Country Life.
Mining Engineering.
Musical Herald.
The Woodworker.

FROM THE STEPHENSON BRANCH :—

Architect.
Builder.
Electrical Engineering.
Engineering.
Gardeners' Chronicle.
Lady's Pictorial.
Nation.
Naval & Military Record.
Queen.
Strand.
Truth.

FROM THE VICTORIA BRANCH :—

Alliance News.
Magasin Pittoresque.
Mechanical World.

Similarly, the undermentioned papers are transferred to the Lady Stephenson Library from the Central, Stephenson or Victoria Libraries :—

FROM THE CENTRAL LIBRARY :—

Amateur Photographer.
British Architect.
British Australasian.
Lady's Pictorial.
Motor Traction.
Our Dogs.
Outlook.
Pitman's Shorthand Weekly.
Railway Gazette.
Work.

FROM THE STEPHENSON BRANCH LIBRARY :—

Building News.

FROM THE VICTORIA BRANCH LIBRARY :—

Builder
Electrical Engineering.
Engineer
Field
Gardeners' Chronicle.
Gentlewoman.
Labour Leader
Locomotive.
Mariner.
Nation.
Naval & Military Record
Queen.
Shipping World
Sphere
Strand
Truth.

STEPHENSON BRANCH LIBRARY.

DONORS OF BOOKS FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1914.

For Donors of Periodicals, see List pp. 21-2.

	Vols.
Armstrong College, Newcastle ...	1
Clague (T. M.), Newcastle	1
Durham College of Medicine, (*per* Secretary), Newcastle	1
Herrera (J. D.), Newcastle... ...	1
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation (*per* Town Clerk)	1

VICTORIA BRANCH LIBRARY.

DONORS OF BOOKS FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1914.

For Donors of Periodicals, see List pp. 21-2.

	Vols.
Argentine Consulate	1
Armstrong College (*per* Secretary), Newcastle-upon-Tyne	1
Durham College of Medicine (*per* Secretary), Newcastle-upon-Tyne	1
Great Western Railway Co. ...	1
Hayler (G.), London	2
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation (*per* Town Clerk)	1
Society of Incorporated Accountants, London	1
Watson (*Mrs.* Spence), Gateshead...	2

CARNEGIE BRANCH LIBRARY.

DONORS OF BOOKS FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1914.

For Donors of Periodicals, see List pp. 21-2.

	Vols.
Armstrong College, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	2
Durham College of Medicine ...	1
Manchester Courier	1
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation (*per* Town Clerk)	1

LADY STEPHENSON BRANCH LIBRARY.

DONORS OF BOOKS FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1914.

For Donors of Periodicals, see pp. 21-2.

	Vols.
Anderton (*Mrs.* B.), Newcastle-upon-Tyne	1
Armstrong College, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	1
Manchester Courier, Ltd., Manchester	1
Marsh (H. M.), Commissioner of Industries, Hamilton, Canada ...	1
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation (*per* Town Clerk)...	1
Smith (W.), West Dulwich ...	1

PUBLICATIONS.

CATALOGUES OF CENTRAL LIBRARY—

Catalogue of the Central Lending Library (excluding Fiction in English, Children's Books, and Books for the Blind). Crown 4to. 712 pages. 1908. 1/-. *Purchasers of this Catalogue receive, gratis, the Supplement below.*

Supplement to the above. December, 1911. Crown 4to. 85 pages. Price 3d.

FINE ARTS CATALOGUE. (Reference and Central Lending Libraries). Crown 4to. 145 pages. 1900. 3d. *Class* 700 *of Dewey's Decimal Classification.*

PURE MATHEMATICS CATALOGUE. (Reference and Central Lending Libraries). Crown 4to. 49 pages. 1901. 3d. *Class* 510 *of Dewey's Decimal Classification.*

USEFUL ARTS CATALOGUE. (Reference and Central Lending Libraries). Crown 4to. 286 pages. 1903. 3d. *Class* 600 *of Dewey's Decimal Classification.*

Supplement to the above, 1903-1914. 1914.

N.B.—*Certain sections of the 1903 Catalogue, viz.:—Engineering, Domestic Economy, Chemical Technology (with Metallurgy and Assaying), and Building (with Shipbuilding) have been issued separately.*

Catalogue of Books and Pamphlets on Education in the Central Library (Reference and Lending) and in the Stephenson and Victoria Branches. Crown 4to. 136 pages. 1909. 3d. *Class* 370 *of Dewey's Decimal Classification.*

Catalogue of Books and Tracts on Genealogy and Heraldry, in the Central Public Libraries. Crown 4to. 68 pages. 1910. 6d. *Class* 929 *of Dewey's Decimal Classification.*

The Harney Library. Books presented by Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Harney. Royal 8vo. 1899. 1d.

Catalogue of the Bewick Collection (Pease Bequest). Ten full-page illus. Crown 4to. 1904. 1/-.

ARTICLE ON BEWICK BOOK-PLATES. 6d.

Children's Catalogue. F'cap. 8vo. 1906. 2d.

CATALOGUE OF FICTION (in English) in the Central Lending Library. Royal 8vo. 295 pages. 1906. 6d. (2nd impression). *Purchasers of this Catalogue receive, gratis, the Supplement below.*

Supplementary Fiction List. April, 1906—July, 1908. Royal 8vo. 1908. 1d.

HAND-LIST OF WORKS ON SHAKESPEARE. (Reference and Central Lending Libraries). Crown 4to. 1906. 1d.

A Rough list of books for Holiday makers. (Central Lending Library). 1912. 1d.

CATALOGUE OF BOOKS CONCERNING THE GREEK AND LATIN CLASSICS (Reference and Central Lending Libraries). Illus. Crown 4to. 269 pages. 1912. 1/-.

STRUGGLE FOR A PUBLIC LIBRARY IN NEWCASTLE. 1/-.

Catalogue of the Gibsone Conches (in Reference Library). 1/-.

CATALOGUES OF BRANCH LIBRARIES—

Catalogue of Stephenson Branch Library. Crown 8vo. 1897. 3d. *Dewey's Decimal Classification.*

Catalogue of Victoria Branch Library. *A duplicate of above, with fresh title page; issued* 1899. 3d.

Supplementary Catalogue of Stephenson Branch. Crown 8vo. 1902. 1d.

Supplementary Catalogue of Victoria Branch. Crown 8vo. 1904. O.P.

Children's Book List. Stephenson and Victoria Branches. Fcp. 8vo. 1913. 2d.

ANNUAL REPORTS of Public Libraries Committee, first to thirty-second. Royal 8vo. 2d. each.

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or other
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City and County of
Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

34th Report

OF THE

Public Libraries Committee,

1914-15.

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Thirty-Fourth Report

OF THE

Public Libraries Committee,

1914-15.

To the Members of the City Council.

GENTLEMEN,

Your Committee present herewith the Report of the Public Librarian for the twelve months ending March 31st, 1915.

They would first record with deep regret the loss of their estimable colleague, the late Alderman George Harkus, J.P., to whose long service and sustained interest our Public Libraries have been so greatly indebted.

The fact that exactly three-fourths of the period in review have been passed by the Public under conditions of tension and absorption in the progress of the war, gives special point to the Chief Librarian's record of the year.

Compared with the previous year, the issues are seen to have diminished greatly. But, if saving of routine work has thus been caused, it has been far more than counterbalanced by the withdrawal of many members of the staff who have taken service with the colours. As none of the places vacated have been filled, an extra strain has been thrown upon those who remain.

The dislocations and difficulties thus caused in the working arrangements have been met ; and the successful manner in which they have been overcome calls for recognition of the admirable administration of our Chief Librarian and of the cordial support given by the individual members of the staff.

That the progress of the Municipal Libraries has been continued with unabated vigour is demonstrated by the detailed account given herein of incidental work completed during the year. This includes a Supplementary Catalogue of books in the Central Library, relating to the special industries of the City and district ; a List of Works of Fiction in the Stephenson and Victoria Branch Libraries ; a List of Books and Maps relating to the War, exhibited in the Central Library ; and (what deserves especial mention) a Catalogue of Parliamentary Papers in the Central Library, now being issued.

It will be further seen how our Libraries have not only adapted themselves to the public demand caused by the war, but have ministered reading material to our Military Hospitals ; rendered service to Armstrong College during its exile from its own premises ; supported the enterprise of Mr. Buckham to enlist the interest of elder and advanced children in a practical use of the Library ; and, further, provided appropriate Lectures at the Carnegie Branch Lecture Hall. To the Lecturers who have generously given their services, your Committee here record their debt of gratitude.

Our appreciative thanks are due to the Books and House Committee, under whose watchful care this sound progress has been made. Their work has been carried on under the Acting Chairmanship of Mr. R. Oliver Heslop, M.A., F.S.A., in the absence of the Chairman owing to illness.

Signed :—

ROBERT FLOWERS,

Chairman of the Public Libraries Committee.

Town Hall,

30*th July*, 1915.

Presented to the City Council, September 1*st*, 1915.

Received by the City Council, September 1*st*, 1915.

CHIEF LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Members of the Public Libraries Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my Report upon the work of the Public Libraries during the year ended 31st March, 1915.

The total stock of books at that date was 176,322. Of this total the

Reference Library contained - - -	80,365
Central Lending Library contained - -	41,470
Stephenson Branch contained - - -	18,540
Victoria Branch contained - - -	18,265
Carnegie Branch contained - - -	8,936
Lady Stephenson Branch contained - -	8,746

There has been a net increase since last year of 3,992 (viz., 2,415 in the Lending Departments, and of 1,577 in the Reference). The gross increase was 4,690, but 698 were for various reasons withdrawn from stock.

In Newcastle, as in many other towns, the use made of the Libraries has been adversely affected by the war. What with enlistment, the work on munitions, the pre-occupation with newspapers, the relief work, and the other claims on people's time, ordinary reading and studious research have declined. This I have already pointed out from time to time in Committee. Moreover, the Libraries were this year open 7½ days less at the Central, and three days less at the Branches than last year, owing chiefly to the need for painting and decoration.

The result is as follows. The total issues were 541,739, as against 591,695 last year—a decrease of 49,956. The Central Libraries have naturally been the hardest hit. The Reference Library issued 97,031,* as against 117,285—a decrease of 20,254. The Central Lending issued 154,278, as against 176,733—a decrease of 22,455. The Stephenson Branch issued 98,487, as against 98,650—a decrease of 163. The Victoria issued 99,415, as against 102,674—a decrease of 3,259. The Carnegie issued 57,123, as against 59,084—a decrease of 1,961. The Lady Stephenson issued 35,405, as against 37,269—a decrease of 1,864.

*This includes 9,801 consultations of Indices and Abridgments of Patents—4,574 less than last year. The number is based on periodical countings.

While the demand for books has thus fallen off, the use made of the public newsrooms and magazine rooms has also declined. Most people, as is natural at a time like this, prefer to buy their own newspapers. It is estimated that there have been 1,020,389 readers this year, as against 1,228,923 last year—a decrease of 208,534.

Meanwhile the internal work of the Libraries, owing to the diminution of the staff by military service, etc., has been made more difficult. The Committee decided not to fill up the vacancies by temporary appointments, but to make the best of things. At the time of writing,* Messrs. E. Pearson and W. H. Smettem are in the Northumberland Hussars; J. Crawley in the Northumberland Fusiliers (2nd Commercials); W. Mackay in the 6th Northumberland Fusiliers. In October, Mr. R. O. Gray joined the Northumberland Fusiliers (1st Tyneside Scottish), was made a sergeant, and worked for three months in the clerical department. Owing to sickness, he was unable to accompany the brigade when it left for Alnwick, and he has now returned to library work. Mr. R. Muris twice endeavoured to join the Tyneside Commercials, but could not pass the test of chest measurement. Mr. R. N. Miller, who at first worked as Scout Master, has now joined the O.T.C. in Newcastle; but he is able to carry on some of his work at the Library. In May, two of the janitors (viz., R. Lewis, from the Stephenson Branch, and J. Westmorland, from the Carnegie Branch) left us in order to help to make munitions of war. In their case, it was necessary to arrange for carrying on the work of cleaning, etc.

In spite of these disadvantages, the supplementary catalogue of books on the Useful Arts (engineering, shipbuilding, electrical engineering, coal mining, etc., etc.) was completed at the Central Library, and was published in October, 1914. For the Stephenson and Victoria Branches, a very brief union catalogue of Fiction was issued in February following, after the revision of the stock. The promised catalogue of Parliamentary Papers (Central Library) has also been completed, and is now ready for publication.

This collection of Parliamentary Papers, which has been slowly made over a period of many years, contains much that is valuable. The late Mr. R. T. Richardson, Sub-Librarian, was for a considerable time in charge of it, and he compiled a MS. index which, in his own hands, served usefully as a guide. It was however incomplete, and was not adapted to general use by the staff and the public. After Mr. Richardson's decease, I placed the collection in the charge of Mr. Joseph Walton,

*June, 1915.

F.L.A., Sub-Librarian, who found it necessary to re-examine all the Papers, and to make an entirely fresh catalogue. Those who are familiar with Government publications will recognize that his task was no easy one, and will appreciate the skill with which he has thrown light on a rather obscure, though valuable, portion of the Library.

On the outbreak of the war, books and maps relating to the countries involved, and to their military, naval and industrial organization were exhibited in the different libraries. A special catalogue was prepared and printed, and was distributed gratis to the public. Since then, many further publications, both official and unofficial, have been acquired, which throw valuable light on the questions at issue. From the large war literature, in fact, which has already appeared, a selection appropriate to our means has been made. It has been well used by our readers, with the result that in all our Lending Departments the issues of class 3 (to which such books chiefly belong) show a distinct increase as compared with last year.

In the Central Library, these publications include, amongst many others :—

A Scrap of Paper : facsimile of the Treaty of 1831, which the Germans violated.

Asquith (H. H.) The War, its causes and its message : speeches.

Bernhardi (F. von). Germany and the next War.

,, How Germany makes War.

,, On War of to-day.

Bourdon (G.) German enigma.

Bülow (*Prince* B. von). Imperial Germany.

Competition with Germany and Austria in neutral markets.

Complete set of pamphlets issued by the Board of Trade.

Hanotaux (G.) Histoire illustrée de la guerre.

The Official Documents of the English, French, Russian, Belgian, and German Governments.

Oxford pamphlets on the war.

Sarolea (C.) How Belgium saved Europe.

Times History of the War.

Treitschke (H. von). Selections from lectures on politics.

Why we are at war. By members of the Oxford Faculty of Modern History.

Constant exhibition is made of such works of topical interest in the Reference Department.

Hundreds of magazines and books, which were no longer required for public use, have been sent to the various quarters of the soldiers,

some of them, which were intended for wounded Belgians, being in French. Such gifts have been greatly appreciated. The Committee further provided about 100 volumes from which soldiers stationed in Newcastle might teach themselves the elements of French.

The Libraries Committee, in order to assist the Council of Armstrong College in the difficult position created by the conversion of the College into a Military Hospital, placed at the disposal of that Council a room which would serve the purpose of a College Library. The College Librarian was established there, and many of the College books were transferred, our shelves being partly cleared to give accommodation. The College students have thus been able to continue their work with the least possible interruption. The Public Libraries Committee have gladly taken this occasion of re-affirming the principle of co-ordination between the two institutions.

With regard to the Branch Libraries, the municipal lectures have been continued at Benwell. At the beginning of the season, the Chairman of the Lecture Committee, Councillor Johnstone Wallace (the then Lord Mayor) thought that the normal life and interest of the public should be maintained, and it was felt that he was right. Arrangements were therefore made to resume the lectures as usual. Accordingly, Major J. Talbot, M.A., B.Sc., Head Master of the Royal Grammar School, who had already lectured at the "Lit. and Phil." on the war, was invited to give an address on the subject on October 6th, and he chose as his title, *The Origins of the War.* The Lord Mayor occupied the chair, and there was a crowded audience. Next, on November 26th, the Rev. H. K. Mann, D.D., Head Master of St. Cuthbert's Grammar School, gave a lecture on *The Cathedrals damaged by the War.* He set the matter in a valuable historical perspective, and showed how German practice in attacking such buildings compared unfavourably with the practices even of pagan hordes long centuries ago. Councillor J. Chapman was in the chair, and again the lecture hall was crowded. This lecture was illustrated by lantern slides. The next lecture was on January 26th, and was given by Mrs. Albert G. Latham. Her subject was *Ballads of the Border*, and though naturally concerned to some extent with fighting, yet the fighting was of a more direct and primitive kind than in the present crisis. By way of illustration, Miss Fleming sang some of the old ballads. Mr. Howard Pease, M.A., F.S.A., was in the chair. A further lecture by Miss Sybil Wragge, B.A., Lecturer at Armstrong College, was arranged for March 18th, but owing to stormy weather it had to be abandoned. Miss Wragge has, however, kindly promised to lecture next session instead.

At the Carnegie Branch also, an experiment suggested by Mr. Buckham, in connection with the Higher Elementary School under his direction, was approved by the Committee. Mr. Buckham has sent a list of subjects (biographical, historical, topographical, etc.) on which instruction was to be given to the scholars. On each of these subjects a group of books has been gathered together at the Carnegie Branch, the Carnegie stock being augmented from the other Branches and from the Central Library. Relays of children have been taken to the Carnegie Branch by the teachers, and under the teachers' guidance, allowed to select books dealing with the subjects of study. The books being drawn both from the Juvenile and the Adult sections of the Libraries, the children have had the advantage of borrowing, under supervision, and by means of special tickets, books not usually accessible to them. At certain fixed times, moreover, the teachers have given instruction on the use of the catalogues, on the classification of the volumes, and on the methods of suitable selection. Over 250 children are using the Library in this way. Amongst the subjects chosen are the following :—Travel in England and Wales ; Travel in Scotland and Ireland ; Local legends and traditionary tales ; Industries and inventions of the 19th Century ; Illustrated travel and the life of the people in Germany, Holland, Belgium, France, Italy, etc. The lists of books chosen for each subject have, of course, been filed, and if the scheme continues to prosper, as it seems likely to do, the labour of the Library staff in this connection will, in future, be a good deal reduced.

The Library Conference, which was to have been held in Oxford last year, was abandoned, owing to the war. The Newcastle delegates who had been appointed were Alderman Flowers, Alderman Harkus, and the Librarian. Since that time, Alderman Harkus has unfortunately died. He had long been a member of the Libraries Committee, and had already attended two of the Conferences, (viz., at Perth and at Bournemouth).

Your obedient Servant,

BASIL ANDERTON,

Public Librarian.

TABLE I.

Showing the Total Stock of Books in the Libraries at 31st March, 1915.

Reference Library	80,365
Central Lending Library	41,470
Stephenson Branch	18,540
Victoria Branch	18,265
Carnegie Branch	8,936
Lady Stephenson Branch	8,746
Total	176,322

TABLE II.

Showing the Additions to, and Alterations in, Stock during the Year.

Reference Library.

By	Purchase (Ordinary)		1,014
	Purchase (Technical)		110
	Gifts (including 89 volumes of Patents)		380
	Magazines bound from Newsroom (purchased)		181
	,, ,, ,, ,, (presented)		17
			1,702
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	19	
	Volumes transferred to Central Lending Library	26	
	,, ,, ,, Stephenson Branch	16	
	,, ,, ,, Victoria Branch	19	
	,, ,, ,, Carnegie Branch	25	
	,, ,, ,, Lady Stephenson Branch	20	
		—	125
			1,577

Central Lending Library.

By	Purchase		1,020
	Gift		19
	Magazines bound from Newsroom		40
	Transfer from Reference Library		26
	,, ,, Victoria Branch		2
			1,107
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	329	
	Volumes transferred to Carnegie Branch	8	
	,, ,, ,, Stephenson Branch	1	
	,, ,, ,, Victoria Branch	2	
	,, ,, ,, Lady Stephenson Branch	2	
		—	342
			765

Stephenson Branch Library.

By	Purchase		375
	Gift		13
	Magazines bound from Newsroom		36
	Transfer from Central Lending Library		1
	,, ,, Reference Library		16
			441
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	141	
	Volumes transferred to Carnegie Branch	2	
			143
			298

Victoria Branch Library.

By	Purchase		473
	Gift		8
	Magazines bound from Newsroom		31
	Transfer from Central Lending Library		2
	,, ,, Reference Library		19
			533
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	105	
	Volumes transferred to Central Lending Library	2	
			107
			426

Carnegie Branch Library.

By	Purchase		475
	Gift		22
	Magazines bound from Newsroom		6
	Transfer from Reference Library		25
	,, ,, Lending Library		8
	,, ,, Stephenson Branch		2
			538
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock		45
			493

Lady Stephenson Branch Library.

By	Purchase		463
	Gift		6
	Magazines bound from Newsroom		1
	Transfer from Reference Library		20
	,, ,, Lending Library		2
			492
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock		59
			433

Net Additions to Stock for Year Ending 31st March, 1915—3,992.

TABLE III.

Showing Number of Volumes Bound and Replaced During the Year.

	Reference Library.	Central Lending Library.	Stephenson Branch Library.	Victoria Branch Library.	Carnegie Branch Library.	Lady Stephenson Branch Library.	Total.
Volumes Bound, rebound, &c.	925*	2,068	791	623	697	797	5,901
Volumes Replaced	—	1,076	1,007	806	511	375	3,775

* Includes 89 Volumes of Patents.

TABLE IV.

Showing Number of Readers' Tickets in force at end of Library Year (Lending Libraries).

	Central Lending Library.	Stephenson Branch Library.	Victoria Branch Library.	Carnegie Branch Library.	Lady Stephenson Branch Library.	Total.
Citizen:						
Ordinary Tickets	2,940	940	1,061	724	562	6,227
Non-Fiction Tickets	2,720	798	913	700	552	5,683
Non-Citizen:						
Ordinary Tickets	6,151	2,965	3,463	1,716	1,238	15,533
Non-Fiction Tickets	4,381	1,739	1,982	823	658	9,583
Total	16,192	6,442	7,419	3,963	3,010	37,026

TABLE V.—REFERENCE LIBRARY.

SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES CONSULTED IN THE REFERENCE LIBRARY DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1915, THE NUMBER OF DAYS OPEN, THE AVERAGE DAILY ISSUE, AND THE TOTAL ISSUE IN EACH CLASS.

DATE.	Thomlinson Library.	Patent Specifications.	General Works, Magazines, &c.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology, Political Science and Economy, Education.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays, Satire, &c.)	History, Biography, and Geography.	TOTAL ISSUE.	Number of Days Open.	Average Daily Issue.
1914.															
April	13	134	2,629	66	134	372	56	201	1,124	367	286	1,355	6,737	23½	287
May	58	164	2,259	44	108	389	129	306	1,443	429	522	1,611	7,462	26	287
June	4	47	1,953	26	51	276	53	111	695	150	175	1,262	4,803	18½	260
July	...	105	2,531	16	56	312	113	127	844	365	154	1,450	6,073	27	225
August	3	27	1,413	16	89	229	70	123	919	251	166	998	4,304	25	172
September	1	32	2,279	8	63	296	76	912	1,045	276	185	1,150	6,323	26	243
October	10	54	3,233	2,311	204	348	87	249	1,509	350	651	1,515	10,521	27	390
November	11	13	3,008	4	125	322	66	430	1,481	468	379	1,062	7,369	25	295
December	4	21	2,482	15	88	261	80	410	1,225	347	370	921	6,224	25	249
1915.															
January	7	136	3,800	33	107	510	70	360	1,037	366	312	1,109	7,847	24	327
February	9	16	3,190	70	95	257	84	218	1,593	355	352	1,116	7,355	24	306
March	2	58	3,672	1,542	174	462	92	241	1,149	568	2,573	1,679	12,212	27	452
Total issue in each Class	122	807	32,449	4,151	1,294	4,034	976	3,688	14,064	4,292	6,125	15,228	87,230	298	293

This total does not include the consultations of Indices and Abridgments of Patents (9,801). See p. 3.

TABLE VI.—CENTRAL LENDING AND BRANCH LIBRARIES.

Summary of Issues to Adult and Juvenile Readers for Year Ended March 31st, 1915.

		General Works, Magazines, &c.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology, Political Science and Economy, Education.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays, Satire, Fiction, &c.)	History, Biography, and Geography.	Total Issue.	Number of Days Open.	Average Daily Issue.
Central :—	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*3,665*	*1,174*	*1,360*	*3,285*	*1,022*	*2,727*	*5,050*	*6,106*	*93,350*	*11,353*	*129,092*	*267½*	*483*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*2,024*	*3*	*74*	*669*	*19*	*485*	*455*	*322*	*19,765*	*1,370*	*25,186*	*267½*	*94*
	Total ..	5,689	1,177	1,434	3,954	1,041	3,212	5,505	6,428	113,115	12,723	154,278	267½	577
Stephenson :—	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*5,366*	*244*	*390*	*1,554*	*404*	*1,696*	*2,653*	*3,787*	*49,682*	*5,893*	*71,669*	*272*	*263*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*1,377*	*3*	*145*	*2,877*	*44*	*1,140*	*574*	*575*	*18,165*	*1,918*	*26,818*	*272*	*99*
	Total ..	6,743	247	535	4,431	448	2,836	3,227	4,362	67,847	7,811	98,487	272	362
Victoria :—	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*5,463*	*254*	*498*	*1,338*	*437*	*1,500*	*3,225*	*4,196*	*50,134*	*5,608*	*72,653*	*272*	*267*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*2,530*	*56*	*208*	*3,124*	*36*	*1,146*	*603*	*442*	*17,096*	*1,521*	*26,762*	*272*	*98*
	Total ..	7,993	310	706	4,462	473	2,646	3,828	4,638	67,230	7,129	99,415	272	365
Carnegie :—	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*1,884*	*142*	*190*	*1,085*	*202*	*698*	*1,316*	*1,413*	*23,521*	*3,012*	*33,463*	*272*	*123*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*951*	*—*	*115*	*2,382*	*27*	*781*	*522*	*402*	*17,217*	*1,263*	*23,660*	*272*	*87*
	Total ..	2,835	142	305	3,467	229	1,479	1,838	1,815	40,738	4,275	57,123	272	210
Lady Stephenson:—	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*3,272*	*64*	*90*	*433*	*181*	*546*	*1,127*	*1,013*	*15,292*	*1,597*	*23,615*	*272*	*87*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*540*	*—*	*61*	*271*	*6*	*355*	*297*	*215*	*9,446*	*599*	*11,790*	*272*	*43*
	Total ..	3,812	64	151	704	187	901	1,424	1,228	24,738	2,196	35,405	272	130
Total issue in each Class		27,072	1,940	3,131	17,018	2,378	11,074	15,822	18,471	313,668	34,134	444,708	—	1,644

Taking the issues of all departments into account, the fiction percentage is 55.27.

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,, Daily News. 3 copies.
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Aeronautics.
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R Carpenter and Builder.
R Chemical News.
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R Electrical Review.
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R*Electrician (Publishers).
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R Engineer.
R Engineering.
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*Local Government Chronicle (Publishers).
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*Monthly Journal of the Incorporated Society of Musicians (The Society).
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35th Report

OF THE

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Thirty-Fifth Report

OF THE

Public Libraries Committee,

1915-16.

To the Members of the City Council.

GENTLEMEN,

Your Committee present herewith the Report of the Public Librarian for the twelve months ending March 31st, 1916.

Of this Report it may be remarked that, like the reports of probably every institution in the country, it bears the impress of the European War; but it also shows how the vigilant resourcefulness of the Chief Librarian, has coped with a variety of problems which have become accentuated since the date of last report. Another year of war conditions has still further reduced the issues of books in the Library; and for this there can be no cure during the maintenance of hostilities. Abnormal conditions, due to continued depletion of the staff through the withdrawal of men for military service, have naturally caused the Chief Librarian considerable concern. Difficulties have, however, been judiciously met by temporary appointments, and the Librarian's hands have been strengthened by the appointment of an Emergency Sub-Committee to deal with questions suddenly arising.

We draw particular attention to the favourable reception accorded to the Catalogue of Parliamentary Papers, compiled by Mr. J. Walton, Sub-librarian. This is one of a long series of catalogues planned and edited by our Chief Librarian, which have deservedly brought high credit both to the Library and to the City.

The melancholy losses which have befallen the personnel of the Committee and of the Library staff during the year have been recorded

with feeling in Mr. Anderton's Report. In associating ourselves very sympathetically with the references to these losses, we especially desire to express our deep sense of the extent to which the death of Mr. R. Oliver Heslop has left the Committee poorer by the withdrawal of a personality rich in knowledge, wisdom and courtesy.

Signed :—

ROBERT FLOWERS,

Chairman of the Public Libraries Committee.

Town Hall,

June 30*th*, 1916.

Presented to the City Council, July 27*th*, 1916.

Received by the City Council, July 27*th*, 1916.

CHIEF LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Members of the Public Libraries Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my report upon the work of the Public Libraries during the year ended 31st March, 1916.

The total stock of books at that date was as follows :—

Reference Library	81,900
Central Lending Library	42,207
Stephenson Branch	18,990
Victoria Branch	18,805
Carnegie Branch...	9,526
Lady Stephenson Branch	9,165
TOTAL	180,593

Last year's total was 176,322, so that there is a net increase of 4,271. The total number of volumes acquired, by purchase or gift, was 7,653. But of these, 2,610 were merely replacements of books worn out or superseded by later editions, and so are not counted ; whilst 771 have been discarded for various reasons—chiefly that they were worn out and, in these times, did not really need to be replaced.

The issue of books to readers has suffered owing to the war, as is natural in a city which has contributed to the army or navy, and to munition works, so many thousands of men and women. In Newcastle, moreover, exceptional arrangements have not been made for placing books at the disposal of soldiers in barracks and temporary quarters. The total issues may be reckoned at 492,451, a fall of about 9% as compared with last year. The Lending Departments account for 408,817, as against 444,708—a fall of just over 8%.

In consequence of a notice issued by the Admiralty against furnishing information as to plans and details of ships in the navy, the Committee withdrew 95 books from circulation. As a result, many issues have been lost, since books of this character are naturally much sought after in this district.

It has not been possible this year, owing to shortage of staff, to make the usual periodical countings of consultations of Indices and Abridgments of Patents. Last year's estimate (9,801), has, therefore,

been used, with a reduction of about 10%. Estimated issues of books on open shelves can never be quite satisfactory, unless much time is spent over continuous and very frequent observations. It is not worth while to pay a clerk especially for counting such things. Nor are the statistics concerning the use of newspaper files altogether satisfactory. No account whatever is taken of the innumerable consultations of magazines and technical journals lying on the tables, or of newspapers exhibited on the stands; but when, after removal from the stands, papers are asked for, records, in the nature of a rough compromise, are kept. If the volume required (*viz.*, for a year, or half-year, or quarter-year, as the case may be), has been properly bound by the bookbinder, a single issue only is counted, although the reader in his search often goes steadily through 50 or 100 or more separate numbers. Strictly, each number is a separate publication, complete in itself; and certain rigid bibliographers might claim that each number is, therefore, like an individual book, a work in itself; and that the combination of 77 or 155 such numbers into a volume for three or six months* makes only a composite and an entirely artificial unit. If that be so, our records of course are the poorer. On the other hand, when quite recent numbers are asked for, which, in groups of about 100, are merely fastened roughly together by ourselves, and have not yet been to the bookbinders, it has been habitual here to count about 70% of that number as issues. In neither the one case nor the other is it practicable to watch the reader and see how many separate numbers are actually consulted; but the broad results are given as a rough and ready compromise. If we were starting afresh, a different mode of counting might be adopted; but a sudden change of system breaks all continuity in the records.

Reference was made last year to the Catalogue of Parliamentary Papers, which was on the eve of publication. It has proved valuable to ourselves, and has been favourably noticed in the press. The reviews have been observed in distant libraries, and some of these (*viz.*, the University Library of California, the Guildhall Library, London, the Ohio State University Library, and the California State Library, Sacramento), have made special applications for copies.

To a certain number of young librarians, moreover, some help has been afforded by printing plans of our Victoria and Carnegie Branch Libraries. Such plans are valuable to students preparing for the professional examinations of the Library Association; and several who received copies have written to express their thanks for the aid which, at a very small cost, we were able to render.

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* There are approximately 77 week-days in a quarter.

As before, many of our old magazines and illustrated papers, and a large number of discarded books, have been sent to the military and civilian hospitals in the district, for the use of patients. For the benefit of wounded soldiers, moreover, we have acted as the receiving centre for parcels of books and papers from the War Library in London. When we receive these consignments, we sort them out into five or six parcels (the size of which varies according to the number of beds in each institution to be supplied), and notify the commandants that the gifts are lying ready to be called for. These parcels also are keenly appreciated by the patients.

To the Lord Mayor's War Fund the members of the Library Staff have been steady contributors. In spite of diminished numbers, a sum of £50 or £60 has been forwarded.

Fourteen of the staff are now* engaged either in military or naval service or in the making of munitions. The names of the former are as follows :—C. Buck, J. Crawley, W. E. Hurford, A. Jordan, R. E. Lyde, W. Mackay, R. Muris (navy), E. Pearson, R. D. Robertson, W. H. Smettem, R. W. Waugh. No casualties, fortunately, have befallen any of them. The three working on munitions include two caretakers and one junior male assistant.

To some extent the gaps in the staff have been filled by temporary appointments, *viz.*, of one male and four untrained female assistants at the Central Library, and of two caretakers at Branches. But naturally, the losses far outweigh the gains. Progress in the more advanced kinds of work has been slow, partly owing to the depletion of our qualified assistants, partly because even those who are left have so often had to take over elementary duties. Additional disorganization has been caused, especially in the Central Library, by changes in the junior staff, whether through ill-health, or because more remunerative posts have become available elsewhere. As a result, the tangle of the time-table by which assistants work has needed constant re-adjustment.

The Committee has this year sustained heavy losses by death, both in its own members and in its staff. Mr. Richard Oliver Heslop, M.A., F.S.A., J.P., who had for years taken the deepest interest in its work, and who for some time had been the Acting Chairman of the Books and House Committee, died suddenly on March 3rd, 1916. His wide knowledge, which he placed so freely at the service of his fellows, his unfailing personal kindliness, and his great courtesy as a chairman, endeared him to all with whom he was associated, and evoked an answering reasonableness and gentleness in discussions. His old friend,

* Viz., in June, 1916.

Mr. Welford, referred feelingly to his loss at a meeting of Committee. He described him as "possessing gifts beyond the common range—a man who devoted himself unceasingly to the service of his fellow-townsmen in many and various departments of intellectual activity. As a magistrate, and the president or vice-president of many learned societies, he earned the approbation of all sorts and conditions of people, and nowhere was he more highly appreciated than in the Committees of the Public Library, where his ripe judgment and sound common sense won all hearts. He was one of the few Novocastrians who thoroughly understood the folk-speech and folk-music of the common people, and to hear him discourse on local dialect and local song was in itself a liberal education. Suave and courteous in manner, punctual and prompt in all his engagements, he was a citizen whom everybody respected, and his passing away is universally regretted." Mr. Heslop was widely known as an antiquary and archæologist, and had made a special study of Northumbrian words. From among his numerous writings, the following may be mentioned :—

1878. Geordy's Last. Newcastle Folk Speech. By Harry Haldane. 8vo, Newcastle. *Journal* Office.

1879. Geordy's Last. Second edition. With A New Sang tiv an aad Teun, "Howdon for Jarrow," "Loop out!" "The Aad Bat," "The Gift o' the Gob," "Thor's Nowt see Queer as Folk," "Aad Neyms." Same publishers.

1892-1894. Northumberland Words: A Glossary of Words used in the county of Northumberland and on the Tyneside. 2 vols. 8vo. London: English Dialect Society.

1894. Presidential Address to members of the Northumbrian Small Pipes Society. 4to. illustrated. Newcastle: Chipp, Vine & Co.

1896. A Bibliographical List of Works, illustrative of the Dialect of Northumberland. 8vo. London: English Dialect Society.

1898. Lecture delivered at the Literary and Philosophical Society, Newcastle, on Northumbrian History, Literature and Art. Subject, Dialect Speech in Northumberland. 8vo. Newcastle: Andrew Reid & Co.

1899. A Short Descriptive Guide to the Keep and Great Gate of the Castle of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Small 8vo. South Shields: R. Simpson & Sons.

A very full and careful list of his writings is given by Mr. Richard Welford in the *Archæologia Aeliana* for July, 1916. Mr. Alexander Hunter MacBryde died in September, 1915. He had been on the Committee for many years, though recently he had found himself

unable to attend meetings. Lastly, as regards the Staff, Mr. T. E. Turnbull, F.L.A., chief assistant in the Reference Library, died in September, 1915. By his untimely death the Committee has lost a very valuable servant. He knew his work well, and performed it with clearness and rapidity. He came to the Library when he was 15, rose steadily through the different grades, passed all the professional examinations, and after 19 years' honorable service died very suddenly at the age of 34.

From condolence one may turn for a moment with relief to congratulation. Just after the conclusion of the year under review, two able and cordial friends of the Libraries, Sir William H. Stephenson and Mr. Richard Welford, attained their 80th birthdays. Sir William Stephenson's generosity in giving three Branch Libraries to the City is widely known. Mr. Welford's quiet and admirable help in committee work, especially in the work of the Book Selection Committee, has likewise been invaluable.

At the annual stocktaking, it was found that one book was missing at the Central Lending Library, seventeen at the Stephenson Branch, fourteen at the Victoria, one at the Carnegie, and one at the Lady Stephenson. Two were recovered at the Victoria Branch in May, 1916; whilst at the Stephenson Branch two, which had been missing since 1912 and 1913 respectively, have also been returned.

It has been a pleasure to give such help as was in our power to the Council of Armstrong College, by continuing to reserve a room for the accommodation of their library and the use of their librarian, assistant-librarian and student-readers.

In September, 1915, a marble bust of the Right Hon. Thomas Burt, M.P., was unveiled in the Central Library by the Right Hon. Charles Fenwick, M.P. The bust had been subscribed for by a large number of people in the north, and Dr. Burt generously presented it to the Public Library. Here it will give pleasure, for many a long year, to his friends and admirers.

At the end of 1915, when the time came to prepare the new year's estimates, the Committee, in view of the country's economic difficulties, resolved to curtail the customary expenditure on the Libraries. They were aware of the risks of such a decision. They knew that the supply of newspapers and magazines must be cut down, that the existing stock of books must deteriorate for lack of means to bind or to replace them promptly, that new books on many important subjects could not be adequately purchased, that our readers' interest in the Libraries would consequently decline, and that the issues would suffer still further. They

were aware of the protest on this subject which had been made in the public press—this, for example, from the *Saturday Review* :—" At present the economies of which we hear are often stupid, because many of them affect the intellectual life of the nation. Thus we hear of public libraries that decline to buy books which they ought to possess. Now is the time to buy German technical books—on dyeing, for instance, and on many other industrial subjects," etc., etc. Or take this extract from a German newspaper, quoted by the magazine called the *Schoolmaster** :—" The money-making, so-called democratic England finds it necessary to cut her education bill to the lowest limit. We rejoice at the fact that our enemies are discouraging the education and instruction of the masses. By the mere fact that British children are being deprived of education we have a great victory over England, for after the war, more than ever before, will knowledge and education, organisation and adaptability on the part of all classes of the population, bring victory in the economic struggle." They were, however, prepared to face such criticism for a short time. They reduced the library rate by ½d. Their action, which was taken entirely from patriotic motives, is without prejudice, and must not be quoted as a precedent except in times of grave national peril.

Concerning the separate departments of the libraries, there is little this year that needs special record. Each has carried on its work as well as the general difficulties have permitted. At the Carnegie Branch, the scheme to help the scholars of the Higher Elementary School, in the way described last year, has run smoothly and well. In this Branch, too, an interesting lecture, which was heard with keen appreciation by a large audience, was kindly given by Principal W. H. Hadow. His subject was *The Present state of the War.* This was the second occasion on which he had been so good as to lecture for us at Benwell. At Walker, a change in the staff arrangements was made. The male assistants were transferred to the Central Library, to help fill the numerous vacancies ; and their place was taken by female assistants. Thus all four Branches are now worked in the same way.

The Library Conference was held in London, the delegates appointed being Councillors Elliott and Criddle, and the Public Librarian. The Librarian himself was unable to go, but his place was taken by Mr. Joseph Walton, Sub-librarian. There were good papers and discussions, concerning which a brief report, suitable to war-time, was printed and circulated.

The Chairman's absence through ill-health has been a matter of genuine regret ; but meanwhile his place on the Books and House

* June 17, 1916.

Committee has been taken first by the late Mr. R. Oliver Heslop, and since by Professor J. Wight Duff, while the position of Vice-Chairman of the Public Libraries Committee has been filled successively by Councillor G. G. Elliott and Alderman Sir Walter R. Plummer. To these gentlemen the Library is indebted for active interest shown in its affairs.

In conclusion, it may be said that while there have been, this year again, no unusual developments, the work of the libraries has gone on steadily. One can but look forward to the time when normal life shall be restored.

BASIL ANDERTON.

TABLE I.

Showing the Total Stock of Books in the Libraries at 31st March, 1916.

Reference Library	81,900
Central Lending Library	42,207
Stephenson Branch	18,990
Victoria Branch	18,805
Carnegie Branch	9,526
Lady Stephenson Branch	9,165
Total	180,593

TABLE II.

Showing the Additions to, and Alterations in, Stock during the Year.

Reference Library.

By	Purchase (Ordinary)		882
	Purchase (Technical)		105
	Gifts (including 89 volumes of Patents)		395
	Magazines bound from Newsroom (purchased)		211
	,, ,, ,, ,, (presented)		30
	Transfer from Victoria Branch		1
			1,624
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	35	
	Volumes transferred to Central Lending Library	19	
	,, ,, ,, Stephenson Branch	2	
	,, ,, ,, Victoria Branch	12	
	,, ,, ,, Carnegie Branch	14	
	,, ,, ,, Lady Stephenson Branch	7	
		—	89
			1,535

Central Lending Library.

By	Purchase		971
	Gift		30
	Magazines bound from Newsroom		32
	Transfer from Reference Library		19
	,, ,, Victoria Branch		1
			1,053
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	306	
	Volumes transferred to Carnegie Branch	2	
	,, ,, ,, Stephenson Branch	1	
	,, ,, ,, Victoria Branch	5	
	,, ,, ,, Lady Stephenson Branch	2	
		—	316
			737

Stephenson Branch Library.

By	Purchase		610
	Gift		6
	Magazines bound from Newsroom		19
	Transfer from Central Lending Library		1
	,, ,, Reference Library		2
	,, ,, Victoria Branch		2
	,, ,, Carnegie Branch		2
	,, ,, Lady Stephenson Branch		1
			643
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	184	
	Volumes transferred to Carnegie Branch	9	
			193
			450

Victoria Branch Library.

By	Purchase		648
	Gift		5
	Magazines bound from Newsroom		16
	Transfer from Central Lending Library		5
	,, ,, Reference Library		12
			686
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	142	
	Volumes transferred to Central Lending Library	1	
	,, ,, Reference Library	1	
	,, ,, Lady Stephenson Branch	2	
			146
			540

Carnegie Branch Library.

By	Purchase		597
	Gift		5
	Magazines bound from Newsroom		8
	Transfer from Reference Library		14
	,, ,, Lending Library		2
	,, ,, Stephenson Branch		9
			635
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	43	
	Transferred to Stephenson Branch	2	
			45
			590

Lady Stephenson Branch Library.

By	Purchase		471
	Gift		2
	Transfer from Reference Library		7
	,, ,, Lending Library		1
			481
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	61	
	Transferred to Stephenson Branch	1	
			62
			419

Net Additions to Stock for Year Ending 31st March, 1916—4,271.

TABLE III.

Showing Number of Volumes Bound and Replaced During the Year.

	Reference Library.	Central Lending Library.	Stephenson Branch Library.	Victoria Branch Library.	Carnegie Branch Library.	Lady Stephenson Branch Library.	Total.
Volumes Bound, re-bound, &c.	761*	1,468	829	658	770	383	4,869
Volumes Replaced	—	885	551	513	386	275	2,610

* Includes 89 Volumes of Patents.

TABLE IV.

Showing Number of Readers' Tickets in force at end of Library Year (Lending Libraries).

	Central Lending Library.	Stephenson Branch Library.	Victoria Branch Library.	Carnegie Branch Library.	Lady Stephenson Branch Library.	Total.
Citizen:						
Ordinary Tickets	2,635	908	1,000	612	355	5,510
Non-Fiction Tickets	2,462	807	922	589	329	5,109
Non-Citizen:						
Ordinary Tickets	5,787	2,970	2,976	1,919	1,245	14,897
Non-Fiction Tickets	4,067	1,704	1,861	940	632	9,204
Total	14,951	6,389	6,759	4,060	2,561	34,720

TABLE V.—REFERENCE LIBRARY.

SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES CONSULTED IN THE REFERENCE LIBRARY DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1916, THE NUMBER OF DAYS OPEN, THE AVERAGE DAILY ISSUE, AND THE TOTAL ISSUE IN EACH CLASS.

DATE.	Thomlinson Library.	Patent Specifications.	General Works, Magazines, &c.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology, Political Science and Economy, Education.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays, Satire, &c.)	History, Biography, and Geography.	TOTAL ISSUE.	Number of Days Open.	Average Daily Issue.
1915.															
April ..	4	39	2,577	51	94	327	118	252	1,323	283	170	778	6,016	23½	256
May ..	2	47	2,409	58	66	275	80	210	883	258	264	732	5,284	24½	216
June ..	...	47	1,751	12	48	155	61	171	762	162	107	826	4,102	20	205
July ..	4	11	2,441	15	119	396	65	90	701	237	291	899	5,269	27	195
August ..	6	56	3,211	15	92	328	87	247	1,045	266	172	1,116	6,641	25	266
September ..	6	90	2,841	32	115	289	40	104	435	201	388	1,365	5,906	26	227
October ..	5	74	3,272	15	58	508	70	403	788	211	346	1,000	6,750	26	260
November ..	1	139	3,209	24	41	470	61	439	1,356	282	209	926	7,157	26	275
December ..	1	16	2,926	26	66	279	93	375	1,131	255	494	827	6,489	25	260
1916.															
January ..	1	19	2,448	13	121	762	138	246	890	474	350	1,256	6,718	24	280
February ..	3	49	3,454	32	142	448	131	153	892	342	204	812	6,662	25	266
March ..	1	45	2,201	1,596	152	438	112	372	1,104	318	201	1,100	7,640	27	283
Total issue in each Class	34	632	32,740	1,889	1,114	4,675	1,056	3,062	11,310	3,289	3,196	11,637	74,634	299	249

This total does not include the consultations of Indices and Abridgments of Patents (9,000). See p. 3.

TABLE VI.—CENTRAL LENDING AND BRANCH LIBRARIES.

Summary of Issues to Adult and Juvenile Readers for Year Ended March 31st, 1916.

		General Works, Magazines, &c.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology, Political Science and Economy, Education.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays, Satire, Fiction, &c.)	History, Biography, and Geography.	Total Issue.	Number of Days Open.	Average Daily Issue.
Central:	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*3,108*	*795*	*940*	*3,022*	*658*	*2,027*	*3,324*	*5,059*	*81,493*	*8,110*	*108,536*	*273½*	*397*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*2,700*	*3*	*105*	*782*	*16*	*581*	*682*	*343*	*19,907*	*1,427*	*26,546*	*273½*	*97*
	Total ..	5,808	798	1,045	3,804	674	2,608	4,006	5,402	101,400	9,537	135,082	273½	494
Stephenson:	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*5,571*	*308*	*449*	*1,794*	*347*	*1,335*	*2,579*	*3,545*	*45,543*	*4,965*	*66,436*	*273½*	*243*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*1,337*	*2*	*140*	*3,099*	*35*	*950*	*792*	*496*	*18,434*	*1,909*	*27,194*	*273½*	*99*
	Total ..	6,908	310	589	4,893	382	2,285	3,371	4,041	63,977	6,874	93,630	273½	342
Victoria:	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*4,216*	*200*	*370*	*1,129*	*248*	*1,156*	*2,670*	*3,574*	*43,705*	*4,113*	*61,381*	*273½*	*225*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*2,494*	*50*	*230*	*3,325*	*30*	*1,158*	*745*	*433*	*16,181*	*1,334*	*25,980*	*273½*	*95*
	Total ..	6,710	250	600	4,454	278	2,314	3,415	4,007	59,886	5,447	87,361	273½	320
Carnegie:	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*2,410*	*157*	*262*	*1,232*	*165*	*892*	*1,665*	*1,559*	*21,298*	*4,503*	*34,143*	*273½*	*125*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*1,258*	*4*	*158*	*2,864*	*42*	*1,344*	*912*	*604*	*17,414*	*1,937*	*26,537*	*273½*	*97*
	Total ..	3,668	161	420	4,096	207	2,236	2,577	2,163	38,712	6,440	60,680	273½	222
Lady Stephenson:	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*2,562*	*59*	*72*	*391*	*53*	*405*	*918*	*679*	*12,493*	*1,423*	*19,055*	*273½*	*70*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*745*	*1*	*71*	*259*	*17*	*412*	*461*	*200*	*10,025*	*818*	*13,009*	*273½*	*47*
	Total ..	3,307	60	143	650	70	817	1,379	879	22,518	2,241	32,064	273½	117
Total issue in each Class ..		26,401	1,579	2,797	17,897	1,611	10,260	14,748	16,492	286,493	30,539	408,817	273½	1,495

On the total issues (Lending and Reference Libraries), the fiction percentage is 55.73.

THE FOLLOWING NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS ARE SUPPLIED TO THE CENTRAL NEWSROOMS, OR TO THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

N.B.—Those marked with an Asterisk (*) are kindly presented, the names of the donors being enclosed in parentheses.
Copies of those marked R are bound and placed in the Reference Library.
Copies of those marked L are bound and placed in the Lending Library on removal from the News Room Tables.

For publications of Societies such as the "Geographical Journal," the "Journal of the Royal Society of Arts," the "Journal of Chemical Industry," etc., refer to list of Societies, pp. 17-18.

DAILIES :—

Financial News.
Freeman's Journal.
Glasgow Herald.
Irish Times.
Liverpool Mercury.
Lloyd's List.
London Daily Chronicle.
,, Daily News. 2 copies.
,, Daily Telegraph.
,, Morning Post.
R ,, Times. 2 copies. (*Also* Quarterly Index).
Manchester Guardian.
Melbourne Argus.
R Newcastle Daily Chronicle. 4 copies.
R Newcastle Daily Journal. 4 copies.
Newcastle Evening Chronicle. 4 copies.
Newcastle Evening Mail. 2 copies.
North Mail.
*North Star (Publishers).
Scotsman.
Shields Daily Gazette.
Yorkshire Post.

WEEKLIES :—

R*Accountant (Publishers).
Adelaide Chronicle, S. Australia.
Aeronautics.
R Architect.
Army and Navy Gazette.
*Auto-Motor Journal (Publisher).
Bazaar, Exchange, and Mart.
*Bioscope (Publisher).
R*Board of Trade Journal (Board of Trade).
R British Journal of Photography.
R Builder.
Cambridge Magazine.
Canada.
R Carpenter and Builder.
R Chemical News.
Clarion.

WEEKLIES—*Continued.*

R Colliery Guardian.
*Common Cause (Miss Wilkinson).
Contract Journal
*Co-operative News (Newcastle Co-operative Society).
Country Life.
R Economist.
R Electrical Review.
Electrical Times.
R*Electrician (Publishers).
R Electrotechnische Zeitschrift.
R Engineer.
R Engineering.
R English Mechanic.
Exchange and Mart. *See* BAZAAR.
Field, Farm, and Garden.
*Flight (Publishers).
Garden.
Gas World.
Gentlewoman.
R Graphic. 3 copies.
Grocer.
*Home and Colonial Mail (Publishers).
R Illustrated London News. 3 copies.
R*Illustrated Official Journal—Patents (Patent Office).
Illustrated War News.
R Iron and Coal Trades Review.
Jewish Chronicle.
Journal des Débats.
Labour Leader.
Lady's Pictorial.
R Lancet.
Land and Water.
*Local Government Chronicle (Publishers).
*Local Government Journal (Publishers).
*Machinery Market (Publishers).
Mark Lane Express.
R Mining Journal.
*Motor Cycle (Publishers).
*Motor Traction (Publishers).
Municipal Journal.
L Musical News.
R Nation.

WEEKLIES—*Continued.*

R Nature.
New Statesman.
R Newcastle Weekly Chronicle. 2 copies
Northern Weekly Leader. 1 copy.
R Notes and Queries.
L Phonetic Journal.
Pitman's Shorthand Weekly.
*Practical Engineer (Publishers).
Publisher's Circular.
R Punch. 3 copies.
Queen.
*Railway Review (Publishers).
R Sanitary Record.
R Saturday Review.
Schoolmaster.
R*Shipping World (Publishers).
R Spectator.
Sphere.
Stage.
T.P.'s Weekly.
R*Trade Marks Journal (Patent Office).
Truth.
*Tyneside Sunday Lecture Society's Programme (The Society).
*Weekly Return of the Registrar-General (Town Clerk).
Work.

FORTNIGHTLIES :—

R Geologisches Centralblatt.
R Journal de Mathématiques Elementaires.
Magasin Pittoresque. 2 copies.
L Revue des Deux Mondes.

MONTHLIES :—

*Agricultural Economist (Publishers).
*Alliance News (Publisher).
American Library Association Book List.
*Animals' Friend (Publisher). 2 copies.
*Animals' Guardian (Publisher).
*Anti-Suffrage Review (Mrs. G. B. Stuart).
*Arbitrator (Publishers).
R Architectural Review.
*Arms and Explosives (Publishers).
R Army List (*as issued*).
R Athenæum (and its subject-index to periodicals).
L Badminton Magazine.
R Bibliothèque Universelle.
L&R Blackwood's Magazine.
R Bookman.
Bookseller.
*British Architect (Publishers).
*British Esperantist (Publishers).
L Cassier's Magazine.
L&R Chambers's Journal.
L Child Life.

MONTHLIES—*Continued.*

L Children's Magazine. 2 copies.
R Classical Review.
*Clerk of Works Journal (Publishers).
*Concord (Peace Association).
L&R Contemporary Review.
L Cornhill Magazine
*Deliverer (Women's Social Work).
R Durham College of Medicine Gazette.
Engineering Review.
English Review.
Englishwoman.
R Expositor.
*Fire and Water (Publisher).
*Foresters' Miscellany (Publishers).
L&R Fortnightly Review.
*Free Russia (The English Society of Friends of Russian Freedom).
L Harper's Monthly.
*Highway (Publishers).
*Home (Publishers).
*I. C. S. Student (I. C. Schools).
*Incorporated Accountants' Journal (J. Martin, Esq.)
Information.
*International Marine Engineering (Publishers).
R International Military Digest.
Japan Magazine.
R Journal of the Board of Agriculture.
R Journal of Education.
R Knowledge.
R Journal des Savants.
R*Labour Gazette (Board of Trade).
*Land Nationaliser (H. O. Anderton, Esq.)
*Land Values (Publishers).
R Liberal Magazine.
*Liberator. 2 copies (Publishers).
R Librarian.
R Library Assistant.
R Library Association Record.
R Library Journal.
R Library World.
Literary World.
*Loyal Order of Ancient Shepherds' Magazine (D. S. M. Guthrie, Esq.)
R Man.
Mariner's Mirror.
R Messenger of Mathematics.
*Mining Engineering (Publishers).
Month.
*Monthly Journal of the Incorporated Society of Musicians (The Society).
*Musical Herald (Publishers).
R Musical Times.
*National Church (Publishers)
R National Review.
R Nautical Magazine.
R Navy List (*as issued*).
*New Church Magazine (Publisher).
R Newcastle Diocesan Gazette.
L&R Nineteenth Century.
R North American Review.

MONTHLIES—*Continued.*

North-East Coast Commercial Compendium.
R North Eastern Railway Magazine.
R Northerner.
R Nouvelles Annales de Mathématiques.
*Our Flag (National Union of Conservative Associations).
*Patents (Publishers).
R Philippine Journal of Science.
R Philosophical Magazine.
R Philosophical Review.
*Pioneer (Simplified Spelling League).
*Plumbing Trade Journal.
R*Positivist Review.
*Printers' Register (Publishers).
R Public Libraries.
L Quiver.
R Review of Reviews.
R Revue Philosophique de la France.
*Sales and Wants (Publishers).
R Science Abstracts.
*Secretary (Publishers).
R Shipbuilder.
*Spiritual Life (James Lawson, Esq).
L Strand Magazine.
R Studio.
L System
R*University Correspondent (Publisher)
*Vegetarian Messenger (Newcastle Dietetic Reform Society).
R Wild Life.
*Wireless World (Publishers).
Woodworker.
World's Work.

BI-MONTHLIES, QUARTERLIES, ETC.

R Acta Mathematica.
R American Journal of Mathematics
R Annalen der Chemie.
R Annali di Matematica.
R Annals of Botany.
R Atti della Pontificia Accademia Romana dei Nuovi Lincei.
*Bird Notes and News (Royal Soc. for Protection of Birds).
R British Journal of Psychology.
British Library of Political Science: Bulletin.
R Bulletin Archéologique.
Celtic Review.
L Church Quarterly Review.
R Classical Quarterly.
R Dublin Review.
R Edinburgh Review.
Educational Times.
L Englische Studien.
R English Historical Review.
R Fortschritte der Physik.
*Gas Progress (Newcastle Gas Co.)
R Giornale di Matematiche.
*Herald of Health (Publisher).
*Herald of Peace. 2 copies. (Dr. W. E. Darby).

BI-MONTHLIES, QUARTERLIES, ETC.—*Continued.*

*Herald of the Golden Age. (W. Clark, Esq.)
R Hermes: Zeitschrift für Classische Philologie.
R Hibbert Journal.
Illustrated Poultry Record.
R Journal de l'Ecole Polytechnique.
R Journal of English Studies.
R Journal of Indian Art and Industry.
R Library.
R London Quarterly Review.
R Mind.
R Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica.
R*Mitteilungen der Kaiserlich-Japanischen Universität zu Tokyo (The University).
R Modern Language Review.
R*Newcastle and Gateshead Chamber of Commerce Journal. (H. Shaw, Esq, B.A.)
R Quarterly Journal of Microscopical Science.
L&R Quarterly Review.
R Revue de Métaphysique et de Morale.
R Revue de Philologie.
R Revue des Etudes Grecques.
R Revue Historique de la Révolution française.
Round Table.
R Science Progress.
R Scottish Historical Review.
Sociological Review.
R Times Quarterly Index.
R Town Planning Review.
R Vasculum.
R Zeitschrift für Mathematik und Physik.
R Zeitschrift für Philosophie und Philosophische Kritik.

PUBLICATIONS OF SOCIETIES:—

R Alembic Club Reprints.
R American Mathematical Society.
R Architectural and Archæological Society of Durham and Northumberland.
R Asiatic Society of Bengal.
*Associated Accountants. (The Society).
R Association for the Preservation of Memorials of the Dead in Ireland.
R Berwickshire Naturalists' Club.
R Bibliographical Society.
R*British Association (The Association).
R British Archæological Association.
British Numismatic Society.
R British Record Society.
R Cambridge Philosophical Society.
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Thirty-Sixth Report

OF THE

Public Libraries Committee,

1916-17.

To the Members of the City Council.

GENTLEMEN,

Your Committee present herewith the Report of the Public Librarian for the twelve months ending March 31st, 1917.

In presenting this interesting Report, we wish to compliment the Chief Librarian on the vigilance and energy which he has displayed in managing the Library throughout another year of war-stress, and of problems constantly arising out of that war-stress. It must be evident to every reader of his Report—as it has been evident to members of the Books and House Committee throughout the year—how much economy has had perforce to be practised in book purchase, owing to lack of funds, and how many desirable undertakings, in such directions as cataloguing, have had to be renounced owing to the shortage of staff. A ½d. rate was voluntarily given up by the Public Libraries Committee when preparing their estimates for the year 1916-17. This was agreed to in deference to the urgent wish of the Council and of the Finance Committee, and was rendered just possible by the condition of our finances at that time. The repetition of the curtailment in March, 1917 (for the year 1917-18) was against the recommendation of the Libraries Committee, and was not similarly justified by our financial position.

We lay particular stress on one extremely healthy and encouraging phase of the work done by our Library—that is, the gratifying increase of readers at our Branches.

The Librarian's remarks on such projects as the standardising of Library statistics and the establishment of special commercial library-collections will, we have no doubt, be perused with great interest.

We very respectfully associate ourselves in mourning the death on military service of two members of our staff; and follow with best wishes the careers of those others who have left the Library to take their part in defending their country.

ROBERT FLOWERS,

Chairman of the Public Libraries Committee.

Town Hall,
Sept. 28th, 1917.

Presented to the City Council, Oct. 3rd, 1917.
Received by the City Council, Oct. 3rd, 1917.

CHIEF LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Members of the Public Libraries Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my report upon the work of the Public Libraries during the year ended March 31st, 1917.

The total stock of books at that date was 182,295. It was distributed in the different departments as follows :—

Reference Library	83,018
Central Lending Library	42,381
Stephenson Branch	18,961
Victoria Branch	18,727
Carnegie Branch...	9,796
Lady Stephenson Branch	9,412
TOTAL	182,295

Last year's total was 180,593, so that the net increase is only 1,702. Many books, however, which were worn out or which had grown obsolete, have been discarded, and the numerical loss due to such revision must be set against the new purchases. The elimination of waste means a gain in efficiency.

The issues were 512,408 as against 492,451 last year, *i.e.*, they show an increase of almost 20,000. While the Reference Library has had a small decrease of 1,286, and the Central Lending one of 5,808, the Branches have all done better than last year. The Stephenson increase is just over 2,000 ; the Victoria is nearly 3,000 ; the Carnegie over 9,000 ; the Lady Stephenson nearly 13,000.* It is satisfactory that the Lady Stephenson Branch seems at last to be making its appeal to the residents of Walker. Developments there have been slow.

A comment in the 1916 Report of the Toronto Public Library, concerning a decline in the issues of the Central and Branch Libraries there, is sensible. It is stated that " we are satisfied even with the

* That the two latter Branches, with their comparatively small stock of volumes, have done so well, is an argument, Alderman Flowers considers, for their more liberal treatment in the matter of book-purchase. With a larger variety of choice, readers would be still more keenly interested.

decrease in the Reference Library [etc.] where, as we know, it is due to the absence of the young men who were regular patrons of these Libraries and who now are serving their country."

A scheme to secure a standard method of dealing with the statistics of a library has recently been drafted by a Committee of the Library Association, and is now being considered by the Council. At present there are in vogue many systems, for instance, of counting the stock. As the Bodleian Quarterly Record* says : " The expression ' number of books ' is thoroughly ambiguous, some persons referring to the bound volumes as they stand on the shelves, some to the number of separate publications or parts which have a title-page to themselves, while others count in every separate literary ' item,' such as the numbers of a daily paper."

The ambiguity in defining the stock involves a corresponding difficulty in defining the issues of a library ; and hence comparisons of the work done in different districts are often seriously misleading. This state of things has led to a desire (expressed in particular by the Secretary of the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust) for something like uniformity, in order that a common basis may be got for judging the book resources of different towns, the allocation of funds, and the general work accomplished. Whether a satisfactory solution will be reached remains to be seen. At all events, inquiry into the matter is being made.

The new books bought during the year have, for lack of means, been far fewer than usual. Even the replacement lists have been heavily cut down, and many of the volumes have been forced to give longer service than is usually exacted from them. Naturally this means that we shall have to face presently a costly renovation of our stock, the condition of which is deteriorating. No printed catalogues have been issued during the year ; and indeed no cataloguing, even in manuscript, beyond what was most urgently required for immediate public service, has been possible. When conditions again become at all normal, there will be much to do. In the Reference Library, for instance, certain gaps in the catalogue must be filled, and a general revision and standardisation of the M.S. entries, which have been made by many hands during the last 33 years, must be undertaken. A printed Author List would be very valuable ; special subjects, too (such as Economics, and Local Literature and History, to name two only) require separate treatment, more or less similar to that given to the Fine Arts, the Useful Arts, the Classics, etc., in previous class catalogues.

*Page 178.

Another urgent need in this department is the provision of additional shelving. The books are getting badly congested, and many hundreds of them are at the backs of the shelves. As soon as possible the property behind the Library must be used for the purpose it was meant to serve when it was purchased: it must be converted into suitable library accommodation.

At the 1916 annual stocktaking, 8 books (mostly fiction) were missing at the Central Lending Library, 44 (two-thirds of them fiction) at the Stephenson Branch, 14 at the Victoria, 3 at the Carnegie, and 3 at the Lady Stephenson. One of the Victoria books was afterwards returned, and one of the Lady Stephenson books. At the Stephenson and Victoria Branches, such losses have rather seriously increased of late, and it has become necessary to point out to readers, by means of printed notices, that to "convey" things clandestinely is, in common parlance, to steal them.

Lectures were arranged for the winter session at the Carnegie Branch Library. Some that were in view had to be deferred, but three were actually delivered, viz.:—

Nov. 16th, 1916. Mr. Richard Welford's "Old Newcastle" was given, in his unavoidable absence, by Mr. John Oxberry. The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor W. Bramble) was in the Chair.

Mar. 15th, 1917. Col. Sir Thomas Oliver lectured in the absence of Col. Johnstone Wallace. His subject was "To Armageddon and back to Blighty." Councillor John Barker was in the Chair.

April 26th, 1917. Mr. John Oxberry lectured on "Lord Collingwood, a great Tyneside sailor." Councillor John Chapman was in the Chair.

The lectures were all illustrated by lantern slides.

The issues at this Branch to scholars of the Higher Elementary School continue to indicate good work. The children (about 400 in number) attend in their classes frequently and have borrowed 5,342 books during the year. To supplement the Benwell stock, which is taxed by the numerous calls made at the same moment for books on the same subject, the resources of other departments have also been drawn upon. 310 issues were on Stephenson Library books, 69 on Central Library books. Two specimen visits may be mentioned. First, in May, 1916, the children in the senior forms, being fewer in number and more intelli-

gent, were allowed to choose the books for their studies direct from the shelves of the adults' library, instead of having a selection laid out ready for them on tables. Then, in September, there was special practice in the use of the catalogue and of the system of classification. To this end each child before leaving school was given a question, the answer to which was to be found by hunting up the necessary information at the Library. The Library assistants impressed upon the scholars the need of using both the index to classification and the subject catalogue, these being points that are often overlooked. The Head Master, Mr. Buckham, has been well pleased with the results of the whole experiment, and looks forward, after the conversion at midsummer of the Higher Elementary School into a Technical School, to continuing these " visits to the Library."

Special libraries, as members of the Committee may probably know, are being organised up and down the country in the interests of commerce during and after the War. The Library Association Council recognized the importance of the movement, and appointed a Committee in 1916, called the Technical and Commercial Libraries Committee. I have attended such of their meetings as was possible. One of the members of that Committee (Mr. Pitt, of Glasgow), says in a Memorandum upon the subject : " The coming of War and the severance of all trade relations with enemy countries created conditions favourable to the establishment of commercial libraries. Unable to obtain raw materials and manufactured goods from the usual sources, manufacturers, traders, and others, found themselves in possession of orders which they were unable to fulfil. During a short period, when the dislocation of commerce was greatest, what valuable service commercial libraries might have rendered ! And though the need for such provision may not now be so urgent as then, it is more sustained and demands our most careful preparation for future requirements. The object of the Commercial Library is to collect, index, arrange and distribute such information as may be serviceable to those engaged in the business of manufacture and commercial affairs. . . . . Completely equipped, it would supply the manufacturer with information regarding the sources and nature of raw materials, means of transport, methods of arrangement, cost of production, markets and agents for distribution, tariffs, and all other particulars incidental to the successful conduct of home and foreign trade." Mr. Pitt then indicates in detail the class of books and information requisite, and does not overlook the cardinal importance of the specification of patents and of all journals relating to patents and patent law, nor the value of a list of business firms (" arranged alphabetically *by names of articles which the respective firms produce or in which they*

trade.") Glasgow has established a separate department for its Commercial Library. Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham, Norwich, etc., are also doing what they can. Newcastle, for various reasons (amongst them the shortage of skilled assistants and two recent decisions concerning the Library Rate), has taken no exceptional steps. We answer inquiries to the best of our ability through the machinery of our Patent Library and our Reference Library. Other Memoranda that have been considered by the Technical and Commercial Libraries Committee are those on Trade Catalogues, on Patent Libraries, on Librarianship in relation to Technology, etc. That Committee is, moreover, in communication both with the Board of Trade and with the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

I greatly regret to record that two members of the staff have died whilst on military service. Private Albert Percy Jordan went to France early in July, 1916, and was killed a fortnight later. He was in the Northumberland Fusiliers (attached King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry). Gunner Clifford Buck died of pneumonia on February 17th, 1917, at the 1st Northern General Hospital (Armstrong College). He had just completed his training and was on the point of going abroad for service in Egypt. On the other hand, Private Wallace Mackay, who was wounded in France last November, has fortunately recovered, and he is now again ready for service.

During the year, Mr. W. H. Gibson (Chief Assistant in the Reference Library), Mr. C. J. Zanetti (Chief Assistant in the Lending Library), and Junior Assistant A. F. Thompson were called up for military service; whilst Senior Assistant R. N. A. Miller got his commission as 2nd Lieut. In the later months of the year, therefore, we had only three remaining of the permanent male clerical staff, viz., Mr. J. Walton, Sub-Librarian, who has, at the instance of the Committee, fortunately been granted conditional exemption, and Messrs. I. Briggs and R. O. Gray.* All three have done excellent service during our time of trouble, and I am glad to record the fact. The difficulty has been greatest in the Reference Library, where knowledge of books is above all necessary in order to satisfy the requirements of readers. If I mention them by name, I do not nevertheless forget those others, alike on the permanent and the temporary staff, whose efforts have helped to keep our machinery running smoothly.

BASIL ANDERTON.

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* Mr. Gray, who had already served and been discharged through illness, has now (viz., in June, 1917) been again called up. Mr. Briggs' services are not yet required.

TABLE I.

SHOWING THE TOTAL STOCK OF BOOKS IN THE LIBRARIES AT 31ST MARCH, 1917.

Reference Library	83,018
Central Lending Library	42,381
Stephenson Branch	18,961
Victoria Branch	18,727
Carnegie Branch	9,796
Lady Stephenson Branch	9,412
Total	182,295

TABLE II.

SHOWING THE ADDITIONS TO, AND ALTERATIONS IN, STOCK DURING THE YEAR.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

By	Purchase (Ordinary)		525
	Purchase (Technical)		98
	Gifts (including 43 volumes of Patents)		412
	Magazines bound from Newsroom (purchased)		119
	,, ,, ,, ,, (presented)		19
	Transfer from Victoria Branch		3
			1,176
	LESS—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	9	
	Volumes transferred to Central Lending Library	14	
	,, ,, ,, Stephenson Branch	12	
	,, ,, ,, Victoria Branch	15	
	,, ,, ,, Carnegie Branch	6	
	,, ,, ,, Lady Stephenson Branch	2	
		—	58
			1,118

CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.

By	Purchase		485
	Gift		10
	Magazines bound from Newsroom		39
	Transfer from Reference Library		14
	,, ,, Victoria Branch		1
			549
	LESS—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	371	
	Volumes transferred to Carnegie Branch	1	
	,, ,, ,, Stephenson Branch	1	
	,, ,, ,, Victoria Branch	1	
	,, ,, ,, Lady Stephenson Branch	1	
		—	375
			174

Stephenson Branch Library.

By	Purchase		209
	Gift		3
	Magazines bound from Newsroom		30
	Transfer from Central Lending Library		1
	,, ,, Reference Library		12
			255
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	139	
	Volumes transferred to Carnegie Branch	122	
	,, ,, Walker Branch	23	
			284
			-29

Victoria Branch Library.

By	Purchase		258
	Gift		56
	Magazines bound from Newsroom		36
	Transfer from Central Lending Library		1
	,, ,, Reference Library		15
			366
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	352	
	Volumes transferred to Central Lending Library	1	
	,, ,, Reference Library	3	
	,, ,, Carnegie Branch	6	
	,, ,, Lady Stephenson Branch	82	
			444
			-78

Carnegie Branch Library.

By	Purchase		181
	Gift		9
	Magazines bound from Newsroom		8
	Transfer from Reference Library		6
	,, ,, Lending Library		1
	,, ,, Stephenson Branch		122
	,, ,, Victoria Branch		6
	,, ,, Lady Stephenson Branch		2
			335
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock		65
			270

Lady Stephenson Branch Library.

By	Purchase		196
	Gift		2
	Magazines bound from Newsroom		2
	Transfer from Reference Library		2
	,, ,, Lending Library		1
	,, ,, Stephenson Branch		23
	,, ,, Victoria Branch		82
			308
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	59	
	Transferred to Carnegie Branch	2	
			61
			247

Net Additions to Stock for Year Ending 31st March, 1917—1,702.

TABLE III.

Showing Number of Volumes Bound and Replaced During the Year.

	Reference Library.	Central Lending Library.	Stephenson Branch Library.	Victoria Branch Library.	Carnegie Branch Library.	Lady Stephenson Branch Library.	Total.
Volumes bound, re-bound, &c.	433*	1,696	707	552	810	361	4,559
Volumes replaced	—	534	411	392	251	194	1,782

* Includes 43 Volumes of Patents.

TABLE IV.

Showing Number of Readers' Tickets in force at end of Library Year (Lending Libraries).

	Central Lending Library.	Stephenson Branch Library.	Victoria Branch Library.	Carnegie Branch Library.	Lady Stephenson Branch Library.	Total.
Citizen:						
Ordinary Tickets	2,388	857	900	555	324	5,024
Non-Fiction Tickets	2,279	765	879	540	319	4,782
Non-Citizen:						
Ordinary Tickets	5,683	3,010	3,477	2,076	1,448	15,694
Non-Fiction Tickets	3,721	1,651	1,896	904	719	8,891
Total	14,071	6,283	7,152	4,075	2,810	34,391

TABLE V.—REFERENCE LIBRARY.

SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES CONSULTED IN THE REFERENCE LIBRARY DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1917, THE NUMBER OF DAYS OPEN, THE AVERAGE DAILY ISSUE, AND THE TOTAL ISSUE IN EACH CLASS.

DATE.	Thomlinson Library.	Patent Specifications.	General Works, Magazines, &c.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology, Political Science and Economy, Education.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays, Satire, &c.)	History, Biography, and Geography.	TOTAL ISSUE.	Number of Days Open.	Average Daily Issue.
1916.															
April ..	14	15	1,296	71	54	256	71	154	794	272	202	775	3,974	22½	177
May ..	3	21	2,375	20	72	324	93	129	1,251	243	220	811	5,562	27	206
June ..	8	28	1,779	5	54	195	114	393	712	182	164	834	4,468	21	213
July ..	..	24	2,058	290	120	326	70	141	974	201	204	1,032	5,440	25	218
August ..	2	23	2,939	5	69	517	72	149	701	212	169	978	5,836	27	216
September	3	29	1,580	4	70	444	68	231	509	410	212	708	4,268	24	178
October ..	1	27	2,394	30	52	329	54	114	1,144	373	346	698	5,562	26	214
November ..	1	24	2,708	5	74	317	65	330	1,107	282	157	897	5,967	26	229
December	1	2	1,849	1,737	49	155	73	132	1,180	252	160	690	6,280	24	262
1917.															
January ..	1	48	1,938	26	49	362	56	224	1,835	256	161	818	5,774	25	231
February ..	7	24	3,434	44	72	1,320	98	183	795	492	178	797	7,444	24	310
March ..	14	42	3,315	1,931	101	1,156	100	377	834	2,644	690	1,569	12,773	27	473
Total issue in each class	55	307	27,665	4,168	836	5,701	934	2,557	11,836	5,819	2,863	10,607	73,348	298½	246

This total does not include the consultations of Indices and Abridgments of Patents.

TABLE VI.—CENTRAL LENDING AND BRANCH LIBRARIES.

Summary of Issues to Adult and Juvenile Readers for Year Ended March 31st, 1917.

		General Works, Magazines, &c.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology, Political Science and Economy, Education.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays, Satire, Fiction, &c.)	History, Biography, and Geography.	Total Issue.	Number of Days Open.	Average Daily Issue.
Central:	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*2,800*	*633*	*827*	*2,172*	*614*	*1,946*	*3,295*	*4,384*	*74,284*	*6,724*	*97,679*	*273*	*358*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*3,108*	*17*	*150*	*895*	*40*	*891*	*716*	*398*	*23,235*	*2,145*	*31,595*	*273*	*116*
	Total ..	5,908	650	977	3,067	654	2,837	4,011	4,782	97,519	8,869	129,274	273	474
Stephenson:	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*5,290*	*309*	*331*	*1,423*	*335*	*1,352*	*2,964*	*4,417*	*44,092*	*4,981*	*65,494*	*269½*	*243*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*898*	..	*254*	*3,162*	*41*	*1,526*	*1,075*	*800*	*19,713*	*2,689*	*30,158*	*269½*	*112*
	Total ..	6,188	309	585	4,585	376	2,878	4,039	5,217	63,805	7,670	95,652	269½	355
Victoria:	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*4,240*	*258*	*373*	*910*	*268*	*1,296*	*3,099*	*3,490*	*41,376*	*4,604*	*59,914*	*273*	*219*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*2,378*	*82*	*332*	*3,472*	*26*	*1,650*	*1,127*	*753*	*18,323*	*2,429*	*30,572*	*273*	*112*
	Total ..	6,618	340	705	4,382	294	2,946	4,226	4,243	59,699	7,033	90,486	273	331
Carnegie:	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*2,311*	*124*	*226*	*1,117*	*190*	*1,494*	*2,273*	*1,769*	*23,699*	*4,630*	*37,833*	*273*	*138*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*1,001*	..	*203*	*2,809*	*75*	*2,067*	*1,375*	*915*	*20,277*	*3,234*	*31,956*	*273*	*117*
	Total ..	3,312	124	429	3,926	265	3,561	3,648	2,684	43,976	7,864	69,789	273	255
Lady Stephenson:	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*2,551*	*122*	*162*	*456*	*69*	*507*	*1,136*	*893*	*15,967*	*1,568*	*23,431*	*273*	*86*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*895*	*1*	*136*	*598*	*28*	*862*	*693*	*350*	*16,445*	*1,420*	*21,428*	*273*	*78*
	Total ..	3,446	123	298	1,054	97	1,369	1,829	1,243	32,412	2,988	44,859	273	164
Total issue in each Class ..		25,472	1,546	2,994	17,014	1,686	13,591	17,753	18,169	297,411	34,424	430,060	..	1,579

On the total issues (Lending and Reference Libraries), the fiction percentage is 55.38.

THE FOLLOWING NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS ARE SUPPLIED TO THE CENTRAL NEWSROOMS, OR TO THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

N.B.—Those marked with an Asterisk (*) are kindly presented, the names of the donors being enclosed in parentheses.
Copies of those marked R are bound and placed in the Reference Library.
Copies of those marked L are bound and placed in the Lending Library on removal from the News Room Tables.

For publications of Societies such as the "Geographical Journal," the "Journal of the Royal Society of Arts," the "Journal of Chemical Industry," etc., refer to list of Societies, pp. 15-16.

DAILIES :—

Financial News.
Freeman's Journal.
Glasgow Herald.
Irish Times.
Liverpool Mercury.
Lloyd's List.
London Daily Chronicle.
,, Daily News. 2 copies.
,, Daily Telegraph.
,, Morning Post.
R ,, Times. 2 copies. (*Also* Quarterly Index, and Palmer's Index).
Manchester Guardian.
R Newcastle Daily Chronicle. 4 copies.
R Newcastle Daily Journal. 4 copies.
Newcastle Evening Chronicle. 4 copies.
North Mail.
*North Star (Publishers).
Scotsman.
Shields Daily Gazette.
Yorkshire Post.

WEEKLIES :—

R*Accountant (Publishers).
Adelaide Chronicle, S. Australia.
R Architect.
Army and Navy Gazette.
*Auto-Motor Journal (Publisher).
Bazaar, Exchange, and Mart.
*Bioscope (Publisher).
R*Board of Trade Journal (Board of Trade).
R British Journal of Photography.
R Builder.
Canada.
R Carpenter and Builder.
R Chemical News.
Clarion.
R Colliery Guardian.
*Co-operative News (Newcastle Co-operative Society).
Country Life.

WEEKLIES—*Continued.*

R Economist.
R Electrical Review.
Electrical Times.
R*Electrician (Publishers).
R Electrotechnische Zeitschrift.
R Engineer.
R Engineering.
R English Mechanic.
Exchange and Mart. *See* BAZAAR.
Field, Farm, and Garden.
*Flight (Publishers).
Garden.
Gas World.
Gentlewoman.
R Graphic. 3 copies.
Grocer.
*Home and Colonial Mail (Publishers).
R Illustrated London News. 3 copies.
R*Illustrated Official Journal—Patents (Patent Office).
Illustrated War News.
R Iron and Coal Trades Review.
Jewish Chronicle.
Journal des Débats.
Labour Leader.
Lady's Pictorial.
R Lancet.
Land and Water.
*Local Government Chronicle (Publishers).
Mark Lane Express.
R Mining Journal.
*Motor Cycle (Publishers).
*Motor Traction (Publishers).
Municipal Journal.
L Musical News.
R Nation.
R Nature.
New Statesman.
R Newcastle Weekly Chronicle. 2 copies
Northern Weekly Leader.
L Phonetic Journal.
Pitman's Shorthand Weekly.
*Practical Engineer (Publishers).
Publishers' Circular.
R Punch. 3 copies.

WEEKLIES—*Continued.*

Queen.
*Railway Review (Publishers).
R Sanitary Record.
R Saturday Review.
Schoolmaster.
R*Shipping World (Publishers).
R Spectator.
Sphere.
Stage.
R*Trade Marks Journal (Patent Office).
Truth.
*Tyneside Sunday Lecture Society's Programme (The Society).
*Weekly Return of the Registrar-General (Town Clerk).
Work.

FORTNIGHTLIES :—

R Geologisches Centralblatt.
R Journal de Mathématiques Elémentaires.
Magasin Pittoresque.
L Revue des Deux Mondes.

MONTHLIES :—

*Alliance News (Publisher).
American Library Association Book List.
*Animals' Friend (Publisher). 2 copies.
*Animals' Guardian (Publisher).
*Anti-Suffrage Review (Mrs. G. B. Stuart).
*Arbitrator (Publishers).
R Architectural Review.
*Arms and Explosives (Publishers).
R Army List.
R Athenæum (and its subject-index to periodicals).
L Badminton Magazine.
R Bibliothèque Universelle.
L&R Blackwood's Magazine.
R Bookman.
Bookseller.
*British Architect (Publishers).
*British Esperantist (Publishers).
L Cassier's Magazine.
L&R Chambers's Journal.
L Child Life.
L Children's Magazine. 2 copies.
R Classical Review.
*Clerk of Works Journal (Publishers).
*Concord (Peace Association).
L&R Contemporary Review.
L Cornhill Magazine
*Deliverer (Women's Social Work).
R Durham College of Medicine Gazette.
English Review.
Englishwoman.
R Expositor.
*Fire and Water (Publisher).

MONTHLIES—*Continued.*

*Foresters' Miscellany (Publishers).
L&R Fortnightly Review.
*Free Russia (The English Society of Friends of Russian Freedom).
*Highway (Publishers).
*Home (Publishers).
*I. C. S. Student (I. C. Schools).
*Incorporated Accountants' Journal (J. Martin, Esq.)
Information.
R International Military Digest.
R Journal of the Board of Agriculture.
R Journal of Education.
R Journal des Savants.
R*Labour Gazette (Board of Trade).
*Land Nationaliser (H. O. Anderton, Esq.)
*Land Values (Publishers).
R Liberal Magazine.
*Liberator. 2 copies (Publishers).
R Librarian.
R Library Assistant.
R Library Association Record.
R Library Journal.
R Library World.
*Loyal Order of Ancient Shepherds' Magazine (D. S. M. Guthrie, Esq.)
R Man.
R Messenger of Mathematics.
Month.
*Monthly Journal of the Incorporated Society of Musicians (The Society).
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City and County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Thirty-Seventh Report

OF THE

Public Libraries Committee,

1917-18.

To the Members of the City Council.

GENTLEMEN,

Your Committee has pleasure in presenting to you the report of the Librarian for the last Corporation year, which ended on the 31st March, 1918.

The most pleasing feature is that notwithstanding the fact we are still at war, involving as it does a greater demand upon the time of almost every member of the community, especially the working classes and those engaged in commercial pursuits and other business callings, the number of issues has increased fifty per cent. more than last year.* This may be very properly regarded as shewing the growing popularity of the institution. To meet the requirements of the readers we have slightly increased our stock in the aggregate, although the report points to a slight decrease in that respect in the stocks of the Stephenson and Victoria Branches, entirely due to the lack of funds brought about by a desire to comply with the Government's request for governing bodies to exercise "rigid economy." The additional grant of £50 a year by the Education Committee is much appreciated.

The most marked increase in the issues is that of the Central Library. For the year ending March, 1917, there was a decrease of 5,808 as compared with 1916, whilst for the period covered by the

* *Viz.*, the increase this year is 30,400; last year it was 20,000.

present report, there is an increase of 21,247 over 1917. The Victoria also shews a substantial increase over that of last year. There is also an increase in the other Branches, although in the case of the Carnegie and Lady Stephenson the increase is not so marked as last year. This probably is accounted for by the extra demand made upon the time of the readers using those Branches, as a consequence of the exceptional times through which we are passing.

The Reference Library, as is pointed out in the Report, shews a decrease in the issues. This is doubtless due to the causes referred to by the Chief Librarian. Your Committee is still very much impeded in its work there by not being able to get adequate assistance, although every effort has been put forth by the Emergency Committee to do so.

Considering all the circumstances, your Committee has every reason for thinking that when the war is over the Libraries will be more popular than ever, and that when the days for "reconstruction" arrive, their resources and value will be more appreciated and more abundantly used.

It is gratifying to read that two members of the Library staff have won medals for valorous services on the battlefield, and your Committee expresses the hope that they, with another member of the staff who is a prisoner in the enemy's hands, may be spared to come back and resume their duties with us. Nor are we less desirous that the other Library assistants also should return in safety.

Very sincere regret is felt at the loss of service your Committee has sustained by the deaths of Sir Walter Plummer and Mr. Joseph Curry.

I take this opportunity of emphasising the Committee's appreciation of the long services which Alderman Flowers has rendered to the Public Libraries, first as an ordinary member of the Committee, then as Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Books and House Committee, and finally as Chairman of the full Committee. In no part of his public work has the Alderman taken a keener interest than in the Libraries.

GEO. G. ELLIOTT,
Chairman of the Public Libraries Committee.

Town Hall,
Nov. 29th, 1918.

Presented to the City Council, Dec. 4th, 1918.
Received by the City Council, Dec. 4th, 1918.

CHIEF LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Members of the Public Libraries Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my report upon the work of the Public Libraries during the year ended March 31st, 1918.

The total stock of books at that date was 183,588. It was distributed among the different departments as follows :—

Reference Library	84,077
Central Lending Library	42,593
Stephenson Branch	18,820
Victoria Branch	18,643
Carnegie Branch	9,973
Lady Stephenson Branch	9,482
TOTAL	183,588

Last year the total was 182,295. The net increase is thus 1,293. Although 5,448 volumes in all were received during the year (5,038 by purchase, 410 by gift), yet 2,882 of these were replacements, and so do not affect the total. Also 1,273 volumes were discarded from stock and must be deducted.

The issues were 542,839, as against 512,408 last year. This increase of 30,431 is satisfactory, especially when one remembers the extremely difficult conditions under which the Libraries have been worked during the year. Resignations, importations of untrained assistants, have constantly impeded efficient service ; one is the more glad that, in spite of all, some measure of success has been achieved. The most substantial increase (21,247) was in the Central Lending Library ; the Stephenson Branch contributed 1,588 ; the Victoria 5,955 ; the Carnegie 2,623 ; and the Lady Stephenson 2,244.

In the Reference Library exceptional difficulties have arisen ; and though there has been an increase in the demands for certain subjects, in others there has been a falling off, and the total result is a drop of 3,226. This drop, however, is entirely due to the partial closing made necessary by the staff difficulties. For a considerable period the department was shut on Wednesdays at 1-0 instead of 9-0 ; and during another period it was not opened at all during the mornings.

These deficiencies amount to 32½ working days, which are equal to 5½ weeks. But for them there would have been a considerable increase in the issues, for until the end of February there actually was an increase.

War time has brought its own kinds of readers to this library. Thus the Ministry of Munitions has been represented ; there has been a group of young men engaged on Government research work, who frequently used, among other works, volumes of the *Mathematische Annalen* ; a cadet has come to study advanced mathematics, reading books that are seldom in demand ; naval officers come with inquiries about the correct forms of the mottoes and devices of ships ; the late Engineer-Commander of the *Mary Rose*, who went down with her in the convoy disaster, had used many of our books whilst she was fitting in the Tyne, to write a history of the successive *Mary Roses* of our Navy.

The staff difficulties referred to arose, as is natural, out of war conditions. They have given constant anxiety during the year ; and while they have been most keenly felt in the Reference Department, have caused also much trouble everywhere else. The Emergency Committee, appointed especially to deal with such impediments, has had numerous meetings, and through its help any actual breakdown has been skilfully avoided.

The increase in the price of books has been maintained, and the cost of binding has also risen. For these reasons, along with others, many volumes that we should have liked to acquire have been passed by. Nevertheless the library, during the year, has acquired interesting works, both of local and general importance. In the Lending Libraries, much of the money has been spent in replacements, though approximately 25% of the books worn out have been altogether discarded.

The Education Committee have increased the grant for the purchase of technical books by £50, making it £150 this year. This £50 is being used for the Branch Libraries, and readers in the suburbs will reap the benefit of that Committee's generosity.

The Libraries Committee have had pleasure in acceding to the request of the Education Committee that the basement of the Carnegie Branch should be lent to the Atkinson Road Junior Technical School for the purpose of teaching wood-work. The school premises are inadequate, and for the present, of course, no building operations are possible. A class of about 30 boys is thus receiving instruction on our premises five or six times a week.

The series of Benwell Municipal Lectures was resumed in March, when two lectures were given, viz. :—

March 8th, 1918. Mr. J. Walton Lee lectured on "Nature as seen in photography," showing on the screen many slides in natural colour photography. Councillor J. Cole was in the Chair.

March 26th, 1918. Dr. F. W. Dendy gave an address of great local interest, entitled "Without the City Walls," illustrated by lantern slides. Councillor Bramble took the Chair in the absence of Col. Sir Johnstone Wallace, K.B.E.

The issues to scholars of the Atkinson Road Schools were this year somewhat smaller (4,709 as against 5,342 last year). The decrease was due to the conversion of the Higher Elementary School into a Technical School, whereby some interruption of normal work was caused. Probably next year there will be a recovery.

An interesting set of plans, maps and evidence, etc., relating chiefly to various railways, and belonging to George Stephenson, the famous engineer, was last May presented to Newcastle by Mr. George J. Cox, of Wellingborough, as a memento of one of Newcastle's most notable citizens. After Stephenson's death, the 24 volumes, several of which bear his autograph, went to a personal friend of his, Mr. James Campbell, through whose grand-daughter, Mrs. Cox, they came within Mr. Cox's disposal. Through the courtesy of the Lord Mayor, they were offered to the Public Library, and gladly accepted.

In October, 1917, an important Library Conference was held in London, which was attended by the Librarian. His report was laid before the Committee, and a special Conference Number of the Library Association Record was afterwards distributed amongst the members. It will be remembered that the dominant note of the Conference was the call for skilled organization in special departments of library work. The national need in respect of commerce and technology was especially discussed, as also was the need of better training for library assistants, and of establishing proper library schools. With regard to Commercial Libraries, a special Sub-Committee was promptly appointed in Newcastle to consider the question. The idea of developing the existing collection of commercial and business books, and of organizing a local extension of it in the Quayside area, was by them unanimously approved. The Public Libraries Committee fully concurred in the scheme suggested, it being understood, however, that the financial support of the commercial community of the City, especially of the Chamber of Commerce, would be required to enable the proposal

to be carried into effect. So far, however, the expected support has not been forthcoming. With regard to the training of library assistants, a Summer School, lasting a fortnight and including valuable courses of lectures for students in librarianship, was held at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth, July-August, 1917, and again in 1918. For two or three reasons (amongst them the difficulty of carrying on our work under present conditions) no one went from the Newcastle Public Libraries, though from the Armstrong College Library, to which we are affording house-room, a representative was sent by the College Council. Next year, however, if the School is held again, it is much to be hoped that one or two of the keener and more capable of the Public Library's assistants may attend.

In the course of the year, Alderman Flowers, whose long illness has caused sincere regret, resigned the Chairmanship of the Committee. He was succeeded by Alderman Sir Walter R. Plummer, sometime Vice-Chairman, and for nearly 28 years a member of the Public Libraries Committee. Most unfortunately, Sir Walter, who had fallen seriously ill himself, died after a few months (in December, 1917), to the real sorrow of those to whom his uprightness and his efforts for the public welfare had made their appeal. Councillor G. G. Elliott, Vice-Chairman, who had been on the Committee ever since his election to the Council, was appointed in his place; and Councillor J. G. Cole became Vice-Chairman. Another death, which must also be recorded with regret, was that of Councillor J. Curry.

Two Military Medals have been awarded to members of the library staff, one within the library year, the other a little later. The first was to Gunner R. D. Robertson, who at great risk went through a thick barrage to establish communication during the battle on Passchendaele Ridge, in November, 1917. The second was to Lance-Corporal Thomas Smurthwaite, who on June 15th, 1918, when the first line of the British in Italy was penetrated, immediately put his machine gun into action and throughout the day engaged the enemy at close range whenever he was seen. Mr. W. E. Hurford got his commission in September, 1917. Private Edward Pearson has unfortunately been taken prisoner, and is now at Giessen. Privates Robertson and Crawley were wounded in the March offensive, but have fortunately recovered.

Here in Newcastle, those of our permanent male staff who have been left with us since April, 1917, have done their part also by keeping the machinery of the libraries in working order. To them, and to the more responsible of our women assistants, both on the permanent and temporary staff, I express my real thanks for their loyalty and helpfulness.

BASIL ANDERTON.

TABLE I.

SHOWING THE TOTAL STOCK OF BOOKS IN THE LIBRARIES AT 31ST MARCH, 1918.

Reference Library	84,077
Central Lending Library	42,593
Stephenson Branch	18,820
Victoria Branch	18,643
Carnegie Branch	9,973
Lady Stephenson Branch	9,482
Total	183,588

TABLE II.

SHOWING THE ADDITIONS TO, AND ALTERATIONS IN, STOCK DURING THE YEAR.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

By	Purchase (Ordinary)		486
	Purchase (Technical)		102
	Gifts (including 58 volumes of Patents)		328
	Magazines bound from Newsroom (purchased)		125
	,, ,, ,, ,, (presented)		24
			1,065
	LESS—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	0	
	Volumes transferred to Central Lending Library	5	
	,, ,, ,, Stephenson Branch	0	
	,, ,, ,, Victoria Branch	1	
	,, ,, ,, Carnegie Branch	0	
	,, ,, ,, Lady Stephenson Branch	0	
		—	6
			1,059

CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.

By	Purchase		393
	Gift		15
	Magazines bound from Newsroom		40
	Transfer from Reference Library		5
			453
	LESS—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	235	
	Volumes transferred to Carnegie Branch	1	
	,, ,, ,, Stephenson Branch		
	,, ,, ,, Victoria Branch	3	
	,, ,, ,, Lady Stephenson Branch	1	
		—	241
			212

Stephenson Branch Library.

By	Purchase		241
	Gift		11
	Magazines bound from Newsroom		22
	Transfer from Central Lending Library		1
			275
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	416	416
		(Minus)	141

Victoria Branch Library.

By	Purchase		237
	Gift		17
	Magazines bound from Newsroom		11
	Transfer from Central Lending Library		3
	,, ,, Reference Library		1
			269
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	353	
	Volumes transferred to Reference Library	0	
	,, ,, Lady Stephenson Branch	0	
			353
		(Minus)	84

Carnegie Branch Library.

By	Purchase		289
	Gift		8
	Magazines bound from Newsroom		4
	Transfer from Reference Library		0
	,, ,, Lending Library		1
	,, ,, Stephenson Branch		0
			302
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	125	
	Transferred to Stephenson Branch	0	
			125
			177

Lady Stephenson Branch Library.

By	Purchase		202
	Gift		7
	Magazines bound from Newsroom		4
	Transfer from Central Lending Library		1
			214
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	144	144
			70

Net Additions to Stock for Year Ending 31st March, 1918—1,293.

TABLE III.

Showing Number of Volumes Bound and Replaced During the Year.

	Reference Library.	Central Lending Library.	Stephenson Branch Library.	Victoria Branch Library.	Carnegie Branch Library.	Lady Stephenson Branch Library.	Total.
Volumes bound, re-bound, &c.	560*	1,558	536	491	883	382	4,410
Volumes replaced	—	580	803	523	624	352	2,882

* Includes 58 Volumes of Patents.

TABLE IV.

Showing Number of Readers' Tickets in force at end of Library Year (Lending Libraries).

	Central Lending Library.	Stephenson Branch Library.	Victoria Branch Library.	Carnegie Branch Library.	Lady Stephenson Branch Library.	Total.
Citizen:						
Ordinary Tickets	2,213	853	952	603	374	4,995
Non-Fiction Tickets	2,179	829	893	583	356	4,840
Non-Citizen:						
Ordinary Tickets	6,556	3,183	3,788	2,406	1,768	17,701
Non-Fiction Tickets	3,751	1,700	1,902	961	826	9,140
Total	14,699	6,565	7,535	4,553	3,324	36,676

TABLE V.—REFERENCE LIBRARY.

SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES CONSULTED IN THE REFERENCE LIBRARY DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1918, THE NUMBER OF DAYS OPEN, THE AVERAGE DAILY ISSUE, AND THE TOTAL ISSUE IN EACH CLASS.

DATE.	Thomlinson Library.	Patent Specifications.	General Works, Magazines, &c.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology, Political Science and Economy, Education.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays, Satire, &c.)	History, Biography, and Geography.	TOTAL ISSUE.	Number of Days Open.	Average Daily Issue.
1917.															
April ..	7	57	2,817	6	36	972	82	174	423	479	159	595	5807	22½	258
May ..	7	19	2,499	16	30	939	39	194	809	248	253	850	5,903	25½	231
June ..	11	20	2,651	1	28	399	71	214	576	381	174	874	5,400	20	270
July ..	12	75	1,833	20	95	774	38	172	569	206	149	925	4,868	26	187
August ..	17	16	2,139	6	100	581	49	205	546	293	166	726	4,844	24½	198
September	24	21	3,104	9	83	979	64	87	519	211	199	806	6,106	23	265
October ..	25	4	1,588	18	190	627	161	791	925	196	185	639	5,349	24½	218
November..	40	26	2,134	15	87	762	83	430	467	222	335	856	5,457	24	227
December ..	11	37	2,814	33	43	1,459	37	64	408	263	139	1,250	6,558	22½	291
1918.															
January ..	7	46	3,944	22	92	1,044	35	118	630	142	191	826	7,097	23	309
February ..	4	25	2,730	148	89	825	28	151	819	285	187	584	5,875	20	294
March ..	4	13	1,459	12	130	805	32	546	403	1,881	44	529	5,858	10½	342
Total issue in each class	169	359	29,712	306	1,003	10,166	719	3,146	7,094	4,807	2,181	9,460	69,122	266	260

This total does not include the consultations of Indices and Abridgments of Patents, which at a conservative estimate were 10,000.

TABLE VI.—CENTRAL LENDING AND BRANCH LIBRARIES.

Summary of Issues to Adult and Juvenile Readers for Year Ended March 31st, 1918.

		General Works, Magazines, &c.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology, Political Science and Economy, Education.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays, Satire, Fiction, &c.)	History, Biography, and Geography.	Total Issue.	Number of Days Open.	Average Daily Issue.
Central:	*Total Adult Issue*	*3,027*	*657*	*888*	*2,257*	*532*	*2,235*	*3,531*	*4,814*	*81,101*	*7,493*	*106,535*	*271½*	*393*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*2,595*	*27*	*291*	*1,234*	*71*	*1,772*	*988*	*594*	*32,857*	*3,557*	*43,986*	*271½*	*162*
	Total	5,622	684	1,179	3,491	603	4,007	4,519	5,408	113,958	11,050	150,521	271½	555
Stephenson	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*5,621*	*235*	*323*	*1,498*	*325*	*1,371*	*2,987*	*3,088*	*44,637*	*5,538*	*65,626*	*271½*	*242*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*790*	..	*294*	*3,024*	*67*	*2,849*	*1,145*	*1,023*	*19,215*	*3,207*	*31,614*	*271½*	*116*
	Total	6,414	235	617	4,522	392	4,220	4,132	4,111	63,852	8,745	97,240	271½	358
Victoria:	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*5,079*	*273*	*417*	*1,319*	*273*	*1,689*	*3,865*	*3,575*	*45,289*	*5,587*	*67,366*	*271½*	*248*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*2,177*	*111*	*310*	*3,058*	*29*	*1,859*	*1,077*	*794*	*17,104*	*2,556*	*29,075*	*271½*	*107*
	Total	7,256	384	727	4,377	302	3,548	4,942	4,369	62,393	8,143	96,441	271½	355
Carnegie:	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*2,323*	*128*	*247*	*1,259*	*168*	*1,325*	*2,546*	*2,125*	*26,236*	*5,534*	*41,891*	*271½*	*154*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*894*	..	*261*	*2,324*	*98*	*2,404*	*1,319*	*844*	*18,969*	*3,408*	*30,521*	*271½*	*112*
	Total	3,217	128	508	3,583	266	3,729	3,865	2,969	45,205	8,942	72,412	271½	266
Lady Stephenson:	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*2,335*	*138*	*129*	*550*	*57*	*612*	*1,561*	*981*	*18,500*	*2,017*	*26,913*	*271½*	*99*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*623*	..	*101*	*880*	*6*	*1,031*	*585*	*309*	*15,329*	*1,326*	*20,190*	*271½*	*74*
	Total	2,958	138	230	1,430	63	1,643	2,149	1,290	33,829	3,373	47,103	271½	173
Total issue in each Class ..		25,467	1,569	3,261	17,403	1,626	17,147	19,607	18,147	319,237	40,253	463,717	271½	1,707

On the total issues (Lending and Reference Libraries), the fiction percentage is 56.09.

DONORS OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, ETC., TO THE CENTRAL LIBRARIES.

	Vols.	Phlts.
Aberdeen University	1	
Adams (*Lieut.* A D.), 4th Res. B. N.F., Catterick	1	
Anderton (*Miss* A. B.) *B. A.*, Redhill		1
Baroda Public Library, India ..		3
Bell, (T. J.), Cleadon	1	
Birmingham University	1	
Blair (T.) and Co., Liverpool ..	1	
Bristol Public Library (*per* E. R. Norris Mathews)	1	
British Association	1	
British Engineers' Association ..	1	
British Museum, Natural History Department	9	
British Red Cross Society ..	1	
Bruce (*Dr.* W. S.), Edinburgh ..	1	
Buchanan (M. M.), Newcastle ..	5	
Burman (*Lieut.*), Alnwick ..	1	
Canada, High Commissioner for..	1	
Canadian Manufacturers' Association, Toronto	1	
Cape of Good Hope, Department of Public Education	1	
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace	1	
Carnegie U.K. Trust	5	2
Channel Tunnel Co., Ltd... ..		1
Church Emigration Society ..		1
Civil Engineers, Institution of ..	1	
City and Guilds of London Institute	1	
College of Preceptors	1	
Controller of H.M. Stationery Office	99	9
Co-operative Wholesale Society..	1	
Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club (*per* R. Austin, Gloucester)	21	
Cox (G. J.), Wellingborough ..	37	
Craig (W. L.), Maryport.. ..	1	
Davies (A. T.), Board of Education		1
Davies and Co., Birmingham ..	1	
Dod's Peerage, Ltd.	1	
Donald (J.), Glasgow	1	
Dove Marine Laboratory, Tynemouth		1
Dublin University	3	
Duff (*Master* A.) *and* (*Miss* M.), Newcastle	1	
Duff (*Prof.* J. W.), M.A., D.Litt.	2	
Durham College of Medicine ..	1	1
Edinburgh University	1	
Ellis (*Mrs* J. E.), Malton.. ..	1	
"Engineer" Publishers		1
Faulds (*Dr.* H.), Stoke-on-Trent..	2	
Gilchrist (*Prof.* D. A.), Newcastle	1	
Glasgow University	1	
Goulding (L. A.), Newcastle ..	4	
Gurney (J. H.), Norwich.. ..	1	
Hacobian (A. V.), (*per* Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton) ..		
Havelock (John), Newcastle ..		1
Hilson (J. L.), Jedburgh.. ..	1	
How (*Rev.* J. H.), Durham ..		1
Hughes (G.), Great Missenden, Bucks.	1	
Illinois University, U.S.A. ..	9	23
Incorporated Accountants ..	1	
India Office	16	
Italian State Railways	2	1
Japan, Department of Finance..	1	
Johnson (*Mrs.* E. W.), London..	1	
Lloyd's Publishing Co., Birmingham	1	
Macdonald (W.) and Co., Edinburgh	2	
Middlesbrough Public Library..	1	13
National Bible Society of Scotland		1
National Council for Combating Venereal Diseases	1	
National University of Ireland..	1	
New South Wales, Agent-General	3	1
New Zealand, High Commissioner	2	
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation (*per* Medical Officer of Health)..		1
(*per* Property Surveyor) ..	1	
(*per* Town Clerk)	1	1
Newcastle Royal Victoria Infirmary	1	
Northumberland County Council	1	
Oxberry (J.), Gateshead.. ..	1	1
Paton (J.) *and* (J.), London ..	1	
Poole and Pemberton (*per* English Monumental Inscriptions Society)	1	
Reeve (A.), Newcastle	1	
Research Defence Society.. ..	1	
St. Andrew's University.. ..	1	
Sheffield University	1	
Spielmann (*Sir* I.), London ..	1	
Stubbs Publishing Co., London..	1	
Swan, Hunter and Wigham Richardson, Ltd.	8	
Town and Counties Directories Ltd., Edinburgh..	1	
Tyne Improvement Commissioners		1
United States, Department of Labor	1	
University College, London ..	1	
University College of South Wales, Cardiff	1	
University College of Wales, Aberystwyth	1	
University Tutorial Press.. ..	1	
Uruguay, Director-General ..	1	
Victoria, B.C., Board of Trade ..		1
Walker (*Col.* W. Hall), Liverpool	1	
Washington, Library of Congress	2	1
Westmorland County Council ..	1	
Williams (*Dr.* Ethel), Newcastle..	2	

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

(CENTRAL LIBRARY).

For the normal list consult the previous Report, noting the following deletions and additions :—

DELETIONS (owing to war conditions or other causes) :—

Magasin Pittoresque (1 copy, fortnightly), Wild Life (monthly).

Musical News is no longer bound. Of Blackwood's Magazine, Chambers's Journal, Contemporary Review, Fortnightly Review, Nineteenth Century, only 1 copy is now bound, viz., for the Lending Library.

ADDITIONS.

Poetry Review, Studies (Quarterly).

The publications of the British Numismatic Society, the Selden Society, the Wesley Historical Society, are bound for the Reference Library.

RAILWAY AND OTHER GUIDES are now issued irregularly. Those available are exhibited.

REPORTS, ETC.,

HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING LIBRARIES, ETC.

Aberdeen.

Baltimore, Enoch Pratt.
Birmingham.
Blackburn.
Bolton.

Cleveland, U.S.A.
Cork.
Cripplegate Institute.
Croydon.

Dundee.

Edinburgh.

Finsbury.

Gateshead.
Glasgow.

Huddersfield.

Ipswich.

Jersey City, U.S.A.
Johannesburg.

Kettering.

Lincoln.
Los Angeles, U.S.A.

Malvern.
Middlesbrough.

Newark, U.S.A.
Northampton.
Norwich.

Osaka, Japan.
Oxford, Bodleian.

Pittsburg.
Portsmouth.
Pratt Institute.

Preston.

Rochdale.

St. Helens.
St. Louis, U.S.A.
Salford.
Shoreditch.
South African, Cape Town.
South Australia.

Taunton.
Toronto.

Victoria, Australia.

Walthamstow.
Washington, Library of Congress.
Westminster.
Wigan.
Windsor, Canada.

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

(BRANCH LIBRARIES).

For the normal list consult the previous Report, noting the following deletions and additions :—

DELETIONS (owing to war conditions and other causes) ;:—

Daily Telegraph (presentation copy to the Lady Stephenson Branch), Common Cause (weekly), Anti-Suffrage Review, Harper's Monthly, Highway (monthly), Pyoneer (quarterly) s.

ADDITIONS.—Chambers of Commerce Journal (monthly) v. Russia (monthly) v. Vasculum (quarterly) v.

RAILWAY AND OTHER GUIDES are now issued irregularly. Those available are exhibited.

On the receipt of the new issue of the undermentioned papers at the Central, the Stephenson, and the Victoria Libraries, respectively, the previous issue is transferred to the Carnegie Library :—

FROM THE CENTRAL LIBRARY :—

Auto Motor Journal.
Country Life.
Musical Herald.
The Woodworker

FROM THE STEPHENSON BRANCH LIBRARY :—

Architect.
Builder.
Engineering.
Gardeners' Chronicle.
Lady's Pictorial.
Nation.
Naval & Military Record.
Queen.
Sphere.
Strand.
Truth.

FROM THE VICTORIA BRANCH LIBRARY :—

Mechanical World.

Similarly, the undermentioned papers are transferred to the Lady Stephenson Library from the Central, Stephenson or Victoria Libraries :—

FROM THE CENTRAL LIBRARY :—

British Architect.
Lady's Pictorial.
Motor Traction.
Pitman's Shorthand Weekly.
Work.

FROM THE STEPHENSON BRANCH LIBRARY :—

Building News.

FROM THE VICTORIA BRANCH LIBRARY :—

Builder.
Engineer.
Gardeners' Chronicle.
Gentlewoman.
Labour Leader.
Locomotive.
Nation.
Naval & Military Record.
Outlook.
Queen.
Shipping World.
Sphere.
Strand.
Truth.

STEPHENSON BRANCH LIBRARY.

DONORS OF BOOKS FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1918.

	Vols.
Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, Dunfermline	2
Donald (J.), Glasgow	1
Faulds (H.)	1
Goulding (*Miss* L.), Newcastle ..	5
Merz (J. T.), Ph.D., D.C.L., Newcastle	1
New South Wales. *Agent-General*	1

VICTORIA BRANCH LIBRARY.

DONORS OF BOOKS FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1918.

	Vols.
Carnegie United Kingdom Trust (*per* Secretary)	3
Craig (W. L.), 4, Eaglesfield Street, Maryport	1
Donald (J.), 75, Skirving Street, Glasgow	1
Edinburgh University (*per* Secretary)	1
Ellis (*Mrs.* J. E.), Bannisdale, Malton	1
Goulding (*Miss* L.), Stanhope St., Newcastle	5
Henderson (W. F.), Upper Claremont, Newcastle	4
Incorporated Accountants' Society	1

CARNEGIE BRANCH LIBRARY.

DONORS OF BOOKS FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1918.

	Vols.
Bradstreet (J.), Newcastle ..	1
Pumphrey (*Mrs.* T.), Newcastle..	1
Donald (J.), Glasgow	1
Goulding (*Miss* L.), Newcastle ..	5

LADY STEPHENSON BRANCH LIBRARY.

DONORS OF BOOKS FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1918.

	Vols.
Craig (W. L.), Maryport	1
Donald (J.), Glasgow	1
Goulding (*Miss* L.), Newcastle ..	5

PUBLICATIONS STILL IN PRINT.

CATALOGUES OF CENTRAL LIBRARY—

Catalogue of the Central Lending Library (excluding Fiction in English, Children's Books, and Books for the Blind). Crown 4to. 712 pages. 1908. 1/-. *Purchasers of this Catalogue receive, gratis, the Supplement below.*

Supplement to the above. December, 1911. Crown 4to. 85 pages. Price 3d.

FINE ARTS CATALOGUE. (Reference and Central Lending Libraries). Crown 4to. 145 pages. 1900. 3d. *Class* 700 *of Dewey's Decimal Classification.*

PURE MATHEMATICS CATALOGUE. (Reference and Central Lending Libraries). Crown 4to. 49 pages. 1901. 3d. *Class* 510 *of Dewey's Decimal Classification.*

USEFUL ARTS CATALOGUE. (Reference and Central Lending Libraries). Crown 4to. 286 pages. 1903. 3d. *Class* 600 *of Dewey's Decimal Classification.*

Supplement to the above, 1903-1914. Crown 4to. 209 pages. 1914. 3d.

N.B.—Certain sections of the 1903 Catalogue, viz. :—Engineering, Domestic Economy, Chemical Technology (with Metallurgy and Assaying); and Building (with Shipbuilding) have been issued separately.

Catalogue of Books and Pamphlets on Education in the Central Library (Reference and Lending) and in the Stephenson and Victoria Branches. Crown 4to. 136 pages. 1909. 3d. *Class* 370 *of Dewey's Decimal Classification.*

Catalogue of Books and Tracts on Genealogy and Heraldry, in the Central Public Libraries. Crown 4to. 68 pages. 1910. 6d. *Class* 929 *of Dewey's Decimal Classification.*

The Harney Library. Books presented by Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Harney. Royal 8vo. 1899. 1d.

Catalogue of the Bewick Collection (Pease Bequest). Ten full-page illus. Crown 4to. 1904. 1/-.

ARTICLE ON BEWICK BOOK-PLATES. 6d.

Children's Catalogue. F'cap. 8vo. 1906. 1d.

CATALOGUE OF FICTION (in English) in the Central Lending Library. Royal 8vo. 295 pages. 1906. 6d. (2nd impression).

HAND-LIST OF WORKS ON SHAKESPEARE. (Reference and Central Lending Libraries). Crown 4to. 1906. 1d.

CATALOGUE OF BOOKS CONCERNING THE GREEK AND LATIN CLASSICS. (Reference and Central Lending Libraries). Illus. Crown 4to. 269 pages. 1912. 1/-.

INDEX CATALOGUE OF PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS in the Public Reference Library. Crown 4to. 74 pages. 1915. 6d.

Catalogue of the Gibsone Conches (in Reference Library). 1/-.

STRUGGLE FOR A PUBLIC LIBRARY IN NEWCASTLE. 1/-.

CATALOGUES OF BRANCH LIBRARIES—

Catalogue of Stephenson Branch Library. Crown 8vo. 1897. 3d. *Dewey's Decimal Classification.*

Catalogue of Victoria Branch Library. *A duplicate of above, with fresh title page ; issued* 1899. 3d.

Supplementary Catalogue of Stephenson Branch. Crown 8vo. 1902. 1d.

ANNUAL REPORTS of Public Libraries Committee, first to thirty-seventh. Royal 8vo. 2d. each.

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I bequeath out of such part of my personal Estate as may by law be bequeathed for such purposes, to the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the County of Northumberland, the sum of

free from Legacy Duty, for the benefit of the Public Libraries of the said City, to be expended in such way as they may deem expedient; and I direct that the Receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said City shall be an effectual discharge for the same Legacy.

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*I bequeath**

*BOOKS,
PICTURES,
OR OTHER
OBJECTS OF
ART OR
INTEREST,

to the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the County of Northumberland (free from Legacy Duty, which duty I direct shall be paid out of my pure personalty), for the benefit of the Public Libraries of the said City, either for Exhibition or for such other purposes as they may deem expedient; and I further direct that the Receipt of the Town Clerk for the time being of the said City shall be an effectual discharge for the same Legacy.

City and County of
Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

38th Report

OF THE

Public Libraries Committee,

1918-19.

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City and County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Thirty-Eighth Report

OF THE

Public Libraries Committee,

1918-19.

To the Members of the City Council.

The Committee presents herewith the Annual Report of the Librarian.

As will be observed, our stock of volumes has now reached the tota of 186,071, an increase for the year of 2,483, after replacing 1,056 discarded volumes. The addition includes 696 presentation volumes.

The issues for the year exceed by 16,914 those for the previous year, in which the increase was 30,431. This, I think, is scarcely what might have been expected, when it is borne in mind that the Armistice was signed in November, following which event considerable numbers were released from the Navy, Army, and munition works, thus throwing out of employment a large number of both men and women. Naturally one would imagine there would have been a great influx of readers at all the Libraries, which is not the case. Nevertheless, our issues are up nearly seventeen thousand (16,914), whilst our readers now number 40,463, an increase for the year of 3,787.

One feature worth noting respecting the year's issues is that for the first time since 1911 the recorded issues at the Reference Library shew an increase. From 1911, when they were 111,717,* there was a decline each year until at March, 1918, the total had fallen to 69,122.* This year's issue is 76,344.* The increase may be due partly to the fact that the department was open during a greater number of days than during the previous year.

* These totals do not include the consultations of Indices and Abridgments of Patents.

At all the Lending Libraries the number of readers has increased. At the Central Library the number is 15,239, as against 15,861 for 1912 when statistics giving the number of readers at the various Lending Libraries were first published. The highest number of readers there was 16,376, the total for 1913. The number at the Branches is, in all cases, the highest on record.

Whilst at all the Lending Libraries the number of readers has increased, and at none more than at the Stephenson and Victoria Branches, the libraries named are the only ones shewing a decline in the issues—the former a decline of 4,106 as compared with those of the previous year, and the latter a decline of 3,129.

Reference is made in the Report to important gifts from Mr. Parker Brewis and the executors of the late Mrs. Spence Watson. The pleasant memory of the association of the deceased's husband—the Rt. Hon. Robert Spence Watson—with your Committee, as an eminent member thereof, will in this practical way be more permanently established.

It is expected that the increase of the library rate (also referred to in the Report) will be sanctioned by Parliament, in which case the Branch Libraries in whose interests this action was taken, and for which the rate is mostly needed, will be in a position to liquidate the balance due to the City Treasurer which, in consequence of the present rate for the Branches being insufficient to meet the expenditure, has been yearly increasing.

As expressed in the Report, it is hoped that a portion at least of the valuable collection of the late Mr. Matthew Mackey may be secured for the Library. This rare opportunity afforded for securing various desiderata should not be missed.

I cannot conclude without wishing to pay my tribute to the great qualities of our late member, Mr. Richard Welford, so well and truly described in the Report. He was always present at our meetings when health permitted, and his counsel and advice we all fully appreciated. He was indeed a man of mark.

GEO. G. ELLIOTT,
Chairman of the Public Libraries Committee.

Town Hall,
July 25th, 1919.

Presented to the City Council, September 3rd, 1919.
Received by the City Council, September 3rd, 1919.

CHIEF LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Members of the Public Libraries Committee.

I beg to submit my report for the year ended March 31st, 1919.

5,240 volumes were received during the year, 4,544 being purchases, 696 presented; but of the total purchased, 1,701 were replacements, which do not count as additions. 1,056 volumes have been discarded during the year. The net stock is as follows:—

Reference Library	85,275
Central Lending Library	42,782
Stephenson Branch	19,191
Victoria Branch	18,952
Carnegie Branch	10,264
Lady Stephenson Branch	9,607
TOTAL	186,071

The issues were 559,753, as against 542,839 last year. The Reference Library was closed at 1-0 on Wednesdays during 24 weeks, owing to shortage of staff; and this meant a serious curtailment of the normal issue of books to readers. Here, as in all the Lending Libraries, the number of books added was much smaller than usual, owing to high prices and low funds. As regards the Lending Libraries more particularly, many books ordered have not been supplied, since publishers had allowed them to go out of print; and many hundreds of popular books which had been sent to the binders were long kept out of circulation, owing to the shortage of binding materials and the lack of workmen. Altogether, the increased total issues of 16,914 may be regarded as satisfactory.

The staff difficulties arising out of war conditions were sufficiently referred to in the last Report. As the year passed, things gradually improved, and after the signing of the Armistice, the measures taken to secure demobilization began to bear fruit. At the end of November, it was possible to re-open the Reference Library on Wednesday afternoons, and by March several of the permanent staff were back at work.

The question of providing books for blind people, who owing to the war are now far more numerous, has been carefully considered by the Committee. It is expected that before long some arrangement will be made which will prove more suitable to the needs of the day than our existing scheme.

During the year a valuable collection of deeds belonging to the late Canon Greenwell, of Durham, was generously presented to the Reference Library by Mr. Parker Brewis, F.S.A., of Newcastle. They are largely manorial records relating to Northumberland and Durham, and many of them date back to the 12th and 13th centuries. They have now been briefly indexed, and in due course will be more fully treated and bound up in suitable volumes.

Our Bewick Collection has been improved by the addition of wood blocks by Thomas and John Bewick, and by pupils. These came from the collection of the late Dr. C. Clark Burman, of Alnwick. A library of great local importance, to which attention has been turned, is that of the late Mr. Matthew Mackey. It is rich in locally printed books, in local views, in Bewickiana, and the Committee have hopes that at least an appropriate part of it may be secured for the Central Public Library. If so, our Bewick Collection would receive important additions and would stand out conspicuously as the best repository in the world for Bewick's work; whilst to the Reference Library there would come, along with a number of rare and beautiful works, certain unique volumes which we have long lacked.

Our financial position, which, since the war broke out, has been difficult, has now become extremely grave. With the Council's sanction, the Committee therefore resolved in February, 1919, upon the inclusion, in a bill being presented in Parliament, of powers to increase the Library Rate by ½d. in the £ for general purposes. Meanwhile, they gave a general support to the Library Association in its effort to secure the removal of the limitation of the library rate.

In February, also, a Sub-Committee was appointed to consider the possibility of establishing a Branch Library in Scotswood.

Among the readers at the Branch Libraries there are, unfortunately, a certain number of thieves, who have abused the privileges of open-access. The Stephenson Branch in particular has suffered.

At the Carnegie Branch Library, two lectures were given to large audiences. The first was by the Public Librarian, and was

entitled "A Newcastle Seaman 100 years ago." The Lord Mayor-Elect (Councillor A. Munro Sutherland) was in the Chair. The date was November 7th, 1918. The second lecture was by Dr. Harold Kerr, Medical Officer of Health, and was on the topical subject of "Influenza." Col. Sir Johnstone Wallace, K.B.E., was in the Chair. The date was February 27th, 1919. These Benwell Municipal Lectures have now been held for eight seasons, viz., since January, 1911.

The issues to scholars of the Junior Technical School, Atkinson Road, Benwell, have again fallen off this year (viz., from 4,709 to 3,113). The recent reorganization of the school has affected adversely the working of the scheme previously arranged.

Two events—one a gain, the other a loss—which have occurred since March 31st, should be chronicled. In April, the Committee received from the trustees of the late Mrs. R. Spence Watson, a bequest of 254 volumes. These came from the library of the late Right Hon. Robert Spence Watson, P.C., D.C.L., and are representative of the varied learning and interests of a man who was for 37 years Chairman of our Books Committee. They are a valuable acquisition, and are concerned with literature, art, travel, mountaineering, folk-lore, and political life. There are amongst them also many MS. volumes of lectures on literature, language, etc., written in his own hand. A list of them is appended. The books are being distributed among the different departments, and will be distinctively marked so as to form a lasting memorial of a great figure in the history of the Public Library of Newcastle.

The other event that one has most reluctantly to record is the death of Mr. Richard Welford, M.A., J.P. Elected in 1910 to the Books and House Committee, and then to the Books Selection Committee, he placed his "knowledge both of books and human kind" freely at the service of his colleagues. He was one of a notable group on our Committee; and in lamenting his loss, we recall also the passing of Mr. Matthew Mackey in 1913, Sir Henry Newton, 1914, and Mr. R. Oliver Heslop in 1916. Those who had Mr. Welford's personal friendship will, it need hardly be said, regret his loss deeply. To his general abilities two who knew him well have recently borne witness. As the Rev. Alfred Hall said, on the occasion of his funeral, "If any man merits the title of 'the historian of the North,' surely it is Mr. Welford. He had the power—so necessary to him who would discover the meaning and the lesson of past experience—of taking the hard,

bare record, and infusing into it the soul it once possessed. Centuries ahead his name will be familiar to those who would know the events which happened 'Twixt Tyne and Tweed.'"

Mr. Oxberry again, in his appreciation, said, "The catholicity and versatility which distinguished Mr. Welford did not prevent him from specialising. He knew a great deal about many subjects; he knew pretty well all that is to be known about local lore, and local bibliography. Throughout his life the love of books exercised a dominating influence on all his pursuits . . . . . He was, indeed, from boyhood onward, a book-lover in the best sense of the term. His books were his friends and companions, counsellors and helpers."

It remains only to add a few words concerning the Staff. Of the seventeen who went on military or naval service, two (Gunner Buck and Pte. Jordan) can never return. One (Sergt. Smettem) was gassed, but has now practically recovered; three (Gunner Robertson and Ptes. Crawley and Mackay) were wounded, but have also recovered; two (Gunner Robertson and Sergt. Smurthwaite) won the Military Medal; one (L/Corpl. Pearson) was captured, but has returned scatheless. Two got Commissions (Lieuts. Hurford and Miller); two have not yet been demobilised. Thirteen in all have come back to civil life. One is glad to welcome them home again in safety, and to thank them for the part they have played in our country's defence. To those also of the staff, both men and women, who perforce stayed at home, appreciative thanks are due for the worthy manner in which they have helped, under difficult conditions, to carry on the work of the Libraries.

BASIL ANDERTON.

TABLE I.

SHOWING THE TOTAL STOCK OF BOOKS IN THE LIBRARIES AT 31ST MARCH, 1919.

Reference Library	85,275
Central Lending Library	42,782
Stephenson Branch	19,191
Victoria Branch	18,952
Carnegie Branch	10,264
Lady Stephenson Branch	9,607
Total	186,071

TABLE II.

SHOWING THE ADDITIONS TO, AND ALTERATIONS IN, STOCK DURING THE YEAR.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

By	Purchase (Ordinary)		450
	Purchase (Technical)		105
	Gifts (including 187 volumes of Patents)		600
	Magazines bound from Newsroom (purchased)		69
	,, ,, ,, ,, (presented)		6
	Transfer from Stephenson Branch Library		1
	,, ,, Lady Stephenson Branch Library		1
			1,232
	LESS—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	11	
	Volumes transferred to Central Lending Library	1	
	,, ,, ,, Stephenson Branch	8	
	,, ,, ,, Victoria Branch	5	
	,, ,, ,, Carnegie Branch	4	
	,, ,, ,, Lady Stephenson Branch	5	
		—	34
			1,198

CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.

By	Purchase		487
	Gift		30
	Magazines bound from Newsroom		25
	Transfer from Reference Library		1
	,, ,, Victoria Branch		2
	,, ,, Lady Stephenson Branch		1
			546
	LESS—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	356	
	Volumes transferred to Victoria Branch	1	
		—	357
			189

Stephenson Branch Library.

By	Purchase		508
	Gift		12
	Magazines bound from Newsroom		8
	Transfer from Central Reference Library		8
			536
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	164	
	Transferred to Central Reference Library	1	
			165
			371

Victoria Branch Library.

By	Purchase		536
	Gift		10
	Magazines bound from Newsroom		17
	Transfer from Central Lending Library		1
	,, ,, Reference Library		5
			569
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	258	
	Volumes transferred to Central Lending Library	2	
			260
			309

Carnegie Branch Library.

By	Purchase		366
	Gift		25
	Magazines bound from Newsroom		5
	Transfer from Reference Library		4
			400
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock		109
			291

Lady Stephenson Branch Library.

By	Purchase		266
	Gift		13
	Magazines bound from Newsroom		1
	Transfer from Reference Library		5
			285
	Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	158	
	Transfer to Central Lending Library	1	
	,, ,, Reference Library	1	
			160
			125

Net Additions to Stock for Year Ending 31st March, 1919—2,483.

TABLE III.

Showing Number of Volumes Bound and Replaced During the Year.

	Reference Library.	Central Lending Library.	Stephenson Branch Library.	Victoria Branch Library.	Carnegie Branch Library.	Lady Stephenson Branch Library.	Total.
Volumes bound, re-bound, &c.	393*	1,061	582	946	856	394	4,232
Volumes replaced	—	478	581	223	184	235	1,701

* Includes 187 Volumes of Patents.

TABLE IV.

Showing Number of Readers' Tickets in force at end of Library Year (Lending Libraries)

	Central Lending Library.	Stephenson Branch Library.	Victoria Branch Library.	Carnegie Branch Library.	Lady Stephenson Branch Library.	Total.
Citizen:						
Ordinary Tickets	2,266	960	1,065	665	332	5,288
Non-Fiction Tickets	2,135	832	909	651	324	4,851
Non-Citizen:						
Ordinary Tickets	6,982	3,710	4,564	2,835	2,097	20,188
Non-Fiction Tickets	3,856	1,899	2,289	1,168	924	10,136
Total	15,239	7,401	8,827	5,319	3,677	40,463

TABLE V.—REFERENCE LIBRARY.

SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES CONSULTED IN THE REFERENCE LIBRARY DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1919, THE NUMBER OF DAYS OPEN, THE AVERAGE DAILY ISSUE, AND THE TOTAL ISSUE IN EACH CLASS.

DATE.	Thomlinson Library.	Patent Specifications.	General Works, Magazines, &c.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology, Political Science and Economy, Education.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays, Satire, &c.)	History, Biography, and Geography.	TOTAL ISSUE.	Number of Days Open.	Average Daily Issue.
1918.															
April ..	1	155	1,457	8	21	384	58	242	453	184	72	495	3,530	20½	172
May ..	6	2	1,432	6	35	541	57	343	513	211	193	743	4,082	25½	160
June ..	6	7	1,368	21	33	508	34	253	461	161	77	526	3,455	19	182
July ..	11	15	983	15	44	865	35	174	636	222	107	718	3,825	24	159
August ..	5	4	1,032	9	59	573	53	165	792	199	80	715	3,686	24	154
September	11	41	1 742	15	71	719	20	228	520	179	124	577	4,247	23	185
October ..	8	113	1,488	23	59	906	38	303	602	186	149	689	4,564	24½	186
November ..	13	69	1,464	10	103	814	45	61	852	231	159	667	4,488	23	195
December ..	1	262	2,682	11	103	958	28	136	928	316	230	960	6,615	24	276
1919.															
January ..	..	354	5,952	82	52	1,212	43	284	1,780	817	361	1,102	12,039	25	481
February ..	2	225	5,976	13	120	2,164	66	223	1,746	346	243	1,033	12,157	24	507
March ..	9	90	5,079	460	98	1,148	108	916	2,730	1,412	397	1,209	13,656	26	525
Total issue in each class	73	1,337	30,655	673	798	10,792	585	3,328	12,013	4,464	2,192	9,434	76,344	282½	270

This total does not include the consultations of Indices and Abridgments of Patents, which at a conservative estimate were 12,000.

TABLE VI.—CENTRAL LENDING AND BRANCH LIBRARIES.

Summary of Issues to Adult and Juvenile Readers for Year Ended March 31st, 1919.

		General Works, Magazines, &c.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology, Political Science and Economy, Education.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays, Satire, Fiction, &c.)	History, Biography, and Geography.	Total Issue.	Number of Days Open.	Average Daily Issue.
Central:	*Total Adult Issue*	*3,618*	*722*	*905*	*2,389*	*523*	*2,387*	*3,953*	*4,769*	*84,217*	*8,381*	*111,864*	*272½*	*411*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*2,357*	*34*	*404*	*1,130*	*109*	*2,097*	*1,099*	*609*	*36,469*	*4,503*	*48,811*	*272½*	*179*
	Total	5,975	756	1,309	3,519	632	4,484	5,052	5,378	120,686	12,884	160,675	272½	590
Stephenson:	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*6,472*	*283*	*328*	*1,485*	*248*	*1,457*	*3,160*	*3,061*	*44,606*	*5,429*	*66,529*	*273½*	*243*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*600*	*3*	*277*	*2,638*	*61*	*1,989*	*915*	*599*	*16,698*	*2,825*	*26,605*	*273½*	*98*
	Total	7,072	286	605	4,123	309	3,446	4,075	3,660	61,304	8,254	93,134	273½	341
Victoria:	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*5,359*	*260*	*443*	*1,466*	*286*	*1,812*	*3,851*	*3,725*	*44,445*	*6,440*	*68,087*	*273½*	*249*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*1,538*	*61*	*289*	*2,520*	*35*	*1,164*	*829*	*538*	*16,211*	*2,040*	*25,225*	*273½*	*92*
	Total	6,897	321	732	3,986	321	2,976	4,680	4,263	60,656	8,480	93,312	273½	341
Carnegie:	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*2,451*	*155*	*172*	*1,122*	*159*	*1,460*	*3,281*	*2,287*	*28,479*	*5,418*	*44,984*	*273½*	*164*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*895*	*62*	*186*	*2,131*	*88*	*1,845*	*1,104*	*697*	*19,323*	*2,975*	*29,306*	*273½*	*107*
	Total	3,346	217	358	3,253	247	3,305	4,385	2,984	47,802	8,393	74,290	273½	271
Lady Stephenson:	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*1,988*	*185*	*114*	*646*	*71*	*505*	*1,489*	*1,071*	*22,242*	*2,214*	*30,525*	*273½*	*112*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*555*	*4*	*130*	*1,116*	*7*	*1,083*	*678*	*306*	*14,012*	*1,582*	*19,473*	*273½*	*71*
	Total	2,543	189	244	1,762	78	1,588	2,167	1,377	36,254	3,796	49,998	273½	183
Total issue in each Class ..		25,833	1,769	3,248	16,643	1,587	15,799	20,359	17,662	326,702	41,807	471,409	273	1,727

On the total issues (Lending and Reference Libraries), the fiction percentage is 56.09.

DONORS OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, ETC., TO THE CENTRAL LIBRARIES.

	Vols.	Phlts.
Aberdeen University	1	
Accountant (Publishers)		
Alliance News (Publishers)		
Animals' Defender (Publishers)		
Animals' Friend (Publishers)		
Arbitrator (Publishers)		
Arms and Explosives (Publishers)		
Armstrong College	1	
Auto-Motor Journal (Publisher)		
Baillière, Tindall & Cox, Covent Garden	1	
Balch (E. S.), Philadelphia, U.S.A.	1	
Barnard (*Miss* S.), Newcastle	10	
Barrett (*Sir* J. W.), (*per* H. K. Lewis & Co., London)	2	
Bemrose & Sons, Derby	2	
Bioscope (Publisher)		
Bird Notes and News (Royal Soc. for Protection of Birds)		
Birmingham Chamber of Commerce Journal		
Birmingham Public Library	1	
Birmingham University	1	
Blackett (*Mrs.*), Newcastle	11	
Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, Food Production Department		2
Board of Trade Journal (Board of Trade)		
Bowden (*Mrs.* M. E.), Gateshead	5	
British Association	1	
British Esperantist (Publishers)		
British Museum	5	1
British Museum (Natural History Department)	7	6
British Red Cross Society	1	
Browne (B. C.), Newcastle	1	
Bureau of Science, Philippine Islands		1
Canadian Government Offices	1	
Cape Town, Education Office	2	
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace	1	
Carnegie U.K. Trust	1	1
Carter (F. L.)		1
Chance (J. F.) (*per* Smith, Elder & Co.)	1	
Channel Tunnel Co.		3
Chart and Compass (British and Foreign Sailors' Society)		
City and Guilds of London Institute	1	
Clerk of Works' Journal (Publishers)		
Colchester Public Library (*per* G. Rickwood)	1	
Coleridge (*Hon.* S.), National Anti-Vivisection Society	1	
College of Preceptors	1	
Controller of H.M. Stationery Office	105	33

	Vols.	Phl
Co-operative News (Newcastle Co-operative Society)		
Co-operative Wholesale Society	1	
Cripplegate Institute & Library		
Cudworth (W. H.), Norwood, Mass.	1	
Cumberland County Council	1	
Decimal Educator (Decimal Association)		
De Horsey (*Adm. Sir* A. F. R.) (*per* Longmans, Green & Co.)	1	
Delmé-Radcliffe (*Lt.-Col.* H.), Newcastle	1	
Dickson (A.), Newcastle	1	
Dod's Peerage, Ltd.	1	
Dublin University	2	
Duff (*Prof.* J. Wight), Newcastle	1	
Durham College of Medicine	1	
Durham University	2	
Edinburgh Royal (Dick) Veterinary College	1	
Edinburgh University	1	
Electrician (Publishers)		
Empire Mail (Publishers)		
Flight (Publishers)		
Foresters' Miscellany (Publishers)		
Gas Progress (Newcastle Gas Co.)		
Glasgow University	1	
Graveson (N. A.), Newcastle	1	
Hammond & Co., Birmingham	1	
Hanna (*Mrs.* H. B.) (*per* A. Constable)	3	
Harrison & Sons, London	1	
Hill (H.), Newcastle	1	
Home and Colonial Mail (Publishers)		
Hospital Sunday Fund		1
Illustrated Official Journal—Patents (Patent Office)		
India Office	14	1
Illinois University, U.S.A.	2	11
Incorporated Accountants' Journal (J. Martin, *Esq.*)		
Italian State Railways	1	
Japan, Department of Finance	1	
Journal of the Society of Architects (The Society)		
Kemps Publishing Co.	1	
Keogh (A.), Yale University Library		3
Labour Gazette (Board of Trade)		
Land and Liberty (Publishers)		
Latymer, *Lord*	1	
League of Nations Union	1	
Liverpool University	1	
Local Government Chronicle (Publishers)		
London Committee of Unredeemed Greeks		1

DONORS OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, ETC., TO THE CENTRAL LIBRARIES.—(*Continued*).

	Vols.	Phlts.
Macara (*Sir* C. W.), *Bt.*, Manchester	1	
Maclagan (O. F.), London	1	
McMurtrie (D.), Red Cross Institute for Crippled Men, N.Y.	1	
Marshall (*Miss*) (*per* British Italian League)		4
Michigan Society of the Sons of the American Revolution	1	
Middleton (*Sir* A.), *Bart.*	1	
Mills & Boon	1	
Ministry of Food		1
Ministry of National Service		1
Ministry of Reconstruction (*per* W. H. Smith & Sons)	1	
Mitteilungen der Kaiserlich-Japanischen Universität zu Tokyo (The University)		
Modern Italy (Publishers)		
Moody & Co., London	1	
Motor Traction (Publishers)		
National Bible Society		1
National Church (Publishers)		
National Labour Press, Ltd.		1
National University of Ireland	1	
Neuilly War Hospital Committee, 1915-16	1	
New Church Magazine (Publisher)		
New South Wales, Agent-General	2	
New South Wales, Mitchell Public Library	1	
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation (*per* City Treasurer)	1	
(*per* Medical Officer of Health)		1
(*per* Town Clerk)	1	
Newcastle and Gateshead Chamber of Commerce Journal (H. Shaw, *Esq., B. A.*)		
North Star (Publishers)		
North East Coast Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders	1	
Northumberland County Council	1	
Nottingham Public Libraries		1
Ottawa, Department of Trade and Commerce	1	
Philadelphia Library Co.		1
Pittsburgh Carnegie Library		1
Plumbing Trade Journal (Publishers)		
Positivist Review (Publishers)		
Practical Engineer (Publishers)		
Printers' Register (Publishers)		
Richardson (G.), Newcastle	1	
Ritson (U. A.), Newcastle	11	
Robbins (F.), London	1	
Roberts (*Prof.* Rhys)		1
Royal Society (Philosophical Transactions and Proceedings (The Society)		
St. Andrews University		3
Sales and Wants (Publishers)		
Sanitary Publishing Co., Ltd.	1	
Schulman (M. J.)	1	
Scott (J. C.), Westhoughton Public Library	1	
Secretary (Publishers)		
Shepperd (T.), Hull		2
Smithsonian Institute, Washington	1	
Society of Chemical Industry, Journal of (The Society)		
Society of Incorporated Accountants	1	
South Africa, High Commissioner	1	
Spielmann (*Sir* I.), London		1
Stanton (W.), London (*per* Town Clerk)	1	
Stubbs Publishing Co.	1	
Tokyo Imperial University	1	
Trade Marks Journal (Patent Office)		
Tyne Improvement Commission	1	
Tyneside Sunday Lecture Society's Programme (The Society)		
United States National Museum	1	
University College, London	1	
University Tutorial Press	1	
Vegetarian Messenger (Publishers)		
Washington, Library of Congress	5	
Watson (J.), Peebles		1
Weekly Return of the Registrar-General (Town Clerk)		
Westminster Public Library (*per* F. Pacy)	1	
Westmorland County Council	1	
White Cross Union	1	
Wiekwar (J. W.)	1	
Wilson (Effingham), London	1	
Wireless World (Publishers)		
Yale University	1	

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

(CENTRAL LIBRARY).

The list of periodicals taken is exhibited in the Library.

REPORTS, Etc.,

HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING LIBRARIES, ETC.

Aberdeen.
Adyar, India.

Baltimore, Enoch Pratt.
Blackburn.
Bodleian.
Bolton.
Bradford.
Brooklyn, Pratt Institute.
Buxton.

Carnegie U.K. Trust.
Central Library for Students.
Chicago, John Crerar Library.
Croydon.

Dayton, U.S.A.
Dove Marine Laboratory.

Edinburgh.

Grand Rapids, U.S.A.

Hornsey.

Ipswich.

Johannesburg, S. Africa.

Kirkcaldy.

Leeds.
Lincoln.
London University College.
Los Angeles, U.S.A.

Malvern.
Manchester.
Middlesbrough.
Mocatta Library, University College, London.

New South Wales.
Newark.
Northampton.
Northern Counties Blind Society.
Norwich.

Osaka, Japan.

Pittsburg, Carnegie Library.
Portsmouth.

Preston.
Providence, U.S.A.

Rawtenstall.
Rochdale.

St. Louis, U.S.A.
St. Louis, Mercantile Library Association.
Salford.
Shoreditch.
South Africa.
South Australia.
South Shields.

Taunton.
Toronto.

Victoria, Australia.
Victoria, B.C.

Washington, Library of Congress.
Westminster.
Wigan.
Windsor, Canada.
Workington.

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

(BRANCH LIBRARIES).

The list of periodicals taken is exhibited in the various Libraries.

STEPHENSON BRANCH LIBRARY.

DONORS OF BOOKS AND PERIODICALS FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1919.

	Vols.
Arbitrator (Publishers)	
Barnard (*Miss* S.), Newcastle	1
Bowden (W.), Sheriff Hill	4
Browne (B. C.), Newcastle	1
Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, Dunfermline	1
Constable & Co., London	1
Co-operative News (Newcastle Co-operative Society)	
Decimal Educator (Publishers)	
Gray (H. B.), Bury St. Edmunds	1
Incorporated Accountants' Journal (Society of Accountants and Auditors)	
Neuilly Hospital Committee	1
North Star (Publishers)	
Performing Animals Defence Committee, London	1
New Church Magazine (Publishers)	
White Cross Union, London	1

VICTORIA BRANCH LIBRARY.

DONORS OF BOOKS AND PERIODICALS FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1919.

	Vols.
The Amateur Swimming Association, London	1
Arbitrator (Publishers)	
Barnard (*Miss* S.), Newcastle	1
Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, Dunfermline	1
Common Cause (*Miss* Forman)	
Co-operative News (Newcastle Co-operative Society)	
Cyclists' Touring Club Gazette (*per* B. Anderton, Esq.)	
Henderson (W. F.), Newcastle	1
Highway (Editor)	
Incorporated Accountants' Journal (Society of Accountants and Auditors)	
Marshall (*Miss* L. G.), Usworth	1
Neuilly Hospital Committee	1
New Church Magazine (Editor)	
North Star (Publishers)	
Russia (Publishers)	
Turner Bros., Rochdale	1
White Cross Union, London	1
Zimmern (*Miss* H.)	1

CARNEGIE BRANCH LIBRARY.

DONORS OF BOOKS AND PERIODICALS FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1919.

	Vols.
Arbitrator (Publishers)	
Barnard (*Miss* S.), Newcastle	2
Bible Student (Publishers)	
Blackett (*Mrs.*), Newcastle	1
Coates (*Ald.* G. C.), Newcastle	20
Contractors' Record (Publishers)	
Co-operative News (Newcastle Co-operative Society)	
Food (Publishers)	
Lord's Day (Publishers)	
Macara (*Sir* C. W.), Manchester	1
North Star (Publishers)	
Zimmern (*Miss* H.)	1

LADY STEPHENSON BRANCH LIBRARY.

DONORS OF BOOKS AND PERIODICALS FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1919.

	Vols.
Appleby (H. D.), Newcastle	11
Blackett (*Mrs.*), Newcastle	1
Blighty (Publishers)	
Food (Publishers)	
Graveson (N. A.), Newcastle	1
North Star (Publishers)	
Practical Engineer (Publishers)	

BOOKS PRESENTED BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE LATE MRS. R. SPENCE WATSON.

The letter following each title indicates the department in which the book has been placed.

R. = Reference Library.
L. = Central Lending Library.
S. = Stephenson Branch.
V. = Victoria Branch.
C. = Carnegie Branch.
L.S. = Lady Stephenson Branch.

Ali, *Bey, El Abbassi.* Travels of Ali Bey in Morocco, *etc.* 2 v. 1816. .. R.
Alpine Byways. 1861 .. .. R.
Alpine Club, London. Catalogue of books in the Library of the Alpine Club. 1899 .. .. R.
—The Alpine Club map of Switzerland .. .. R.
Amicis (E. de). Morocco : its people and places .. .. R.
Amthor (E.) Der Alpenfreund. 1870-71 .. .. R.
Art Union of London. L'Allegro and Il Penseroso, by Milton ; with 30 illus. 1848 .. .. R.
—Compositions from Campbell's Gertrude of Wyoming, by G. E. Hicks. 1846.. R.
—Illustrations by H. C. Selous of Kingsley's "Hereward the Wake." 1870.. R.
—Illustrations by P. Priolo of Tennyson's "Idylls of the King." 1863 .. R.
—Shakespeare's Seven Ages ; etched by E. Goodall after designs by D. Maclise, R.A. 1850 .. .. R.
—The Story of the Norman Conquest, by D. Maclise, R.A. 1866 .. .. R.
—Thirty Illustrations of "Childe Harold." 1855 .. .. R.
Asbjörnsen (P. C.) Norge. 1848.. .. .. R.
The Authentic records of the Court of England. 1832. .. .. R.
Backhouse (J.) A Narrative of a visit to the Australian Colonies. 1843 .. R.
—A Narrative of a visit to the Mauritius and S. Africa. 1844.. .. .. R.
Ball (J.) Hints and notes for travellers in the Alps. 1899 .. .. .. R.
Barry (M.) Ascent to the summit of Mont Blanc. 1834.. .. .. .. R.
Beaten tracks ; or, pen and pencil sketches in Italy. 1866 .. .. .. R.
Bensusan (S. L.) Morocco ; painted by A. S. Forrest, described by S. L. Bensusan. 1904 .. .. R.
Berlepsch (H.) The Alps .. .. L.
Birmingham Public Libraries. Catalogue of the Shakespeare Memorial Library, Birmingham. 1872.. .. .. R.
Blackwood (F. T. H.) *Marquis of Dufferin and Ava.* Letters from high latitudes. 1858 .. .. C.
Boethius. Consolationis philosophiae libri V. 1698 .. .. R.
Boner (C.) Chamois hunting in the mountains of Bavaria. 1860 .. .. R.
Bonney (T. G.) The Alpine regions of Switzerland. 1868 .. .. .. R.
—The Mountains of Cogne (two panoramic maps).. .. .. R.
—Outline sketches in the high Alps of Dauphiné. 1865.. .. .. .. R.
Bosworth (J.) A Compendius Anglo-Saxon and English dictionary. 1868 .. R.
—The Elements of Anglo-Saxon grammar. 1823 .. .. R.
Bowring (J.) *trans.* Specimens of the Russian Poets. 2 v. 1823 .. .. R.
Brooke (*Sir* A de C.) Sketches in Spain and Morocco. 1831 .. .. .. R.
Browne (G. F.) Ice-caves of France and Switzerland. 1865 .. .. .. L.
Browning Society. Illustrations to Browning's Poems.. .. .. .. R.
Caedmon. Des Angelsachen biblische Dictungen ; herausgegeben von K. W. Bouterwek. 1849 .. .. R.
—The Fall of Man ; or, Paradise Lost of Caedmon ; trans. in verse from the Anglo-Saxon. 1860 .. .. R.
—Metrical paraphrase of parts of the Holy Scriptures, in Anglo-Saxon ; with an English trans. 1832 .. .. R.
Catlin (G.) Letters and Notes on the North American Indians. 2 v. 1841.. V.
Chaucer Society. Autotypes of Chaucer manuscripts. 1877.. .. .. R.
A Choice selection of the most popular songs, *etc.*, written in favour of the different candidates during the Northumberland General Election, 1826.. R.
Clarkson (T.) The History of the abolition of the African slave trade. 2 v. 1808 .. .. L.
Collingwood (C. S.) Memoirs of Bernard Gilpin. 1884.. .. .. .. R.

Colville (H. E.) A Ride in petticoats and slippers (through Morocco). 1880 .. R.
Constitutions and canons ecclesiasticall ; *etc.* 1640 .. .. R.
Crane (T. F.) Italian popular tales. 1885 .. .. R.
Cumberland Coal Commission. Minutes of proceedings, 1899 .. .. .. R.
Dante Alighieri. La Divina Commedia. 3 v. 1749 .. .. R.
Diez (F.) Introduction to the grammar of the Romance languages. 1863 .. R.
Duruy (V.) Histoire des Romains depuis les temps les plus reculés jusqu'a l'invasion des barbares. 2 v. 1879 .. .. R.
Edwards (A. B.) A Midsummer ramble in the Dolomites. 1889 .. .. R.
Fell and Rock Climbing Club of the English Lake District. Journal, vol. 1, No. 1. 1907 .. .. R.
Forbes (J. D.) Norway and its glaciers .. .. L.
—The Tour of Mont Blanc, etc. 1855 .. .. R.
—Travels through the Alps of Savoy, etc. 1845 .. .. C.
Forbes (*Sir* John). A Physician's holiday ; or, a month in Switzerland. 1850 V.
Francklyn (G.) An Answer to Clarkson's Essay on the slavery and commerce of the human species. 1789 .. .. R.
Freshfield (D. W.) Italian Alps. 1875 .. .. R.
Furniss (H.) M.P.'s in Session. 1889 .. .. R.
Galton (F.) *ed.* Vacation tourists and notes of travel. 1861 .. .. R.
Geldart (E. M.) *ed.* Folk-lore of Modern Greece. 1884 .. .. .. R.
Gilbert (J.) *and* Churchill (G. C.) The Dolomite Mountains. 1864 .. .. L.
Godard (L.) Description et histoire du Maroc. 1860 .. .. R.
Green (W. S.) The High Alps of New Zealand. 1883 .. .. .. R.
Grohman (W. A. B.) Tyrol and the Tyrolese. 1877 .. .. R.
Grove (A.) *Lady.* Seventy-one days' camping in Morocco. 1902 .. .. R.
Haigh (D. H.) The Anglo-Saxon sagas. 1861 .. .. V.
Havard (H.) The Dead cities of the Zuyder Zee. 1875 .. .. .. R
Hinchliff (T. W.) Summer months among the Alps. 1857 .. .. .. R.
Hodgkin (T.) Narrative of a journey to Morocco. 1866 .. .. .. V.
Hooker (J. D.) *and* Ball (J.) Journal of a tour in Morocco. 1878 .. .. S.
Hudson (C.) *and* Kennedy (E. S.) Where there's a will there's a way : an ascent of Mont Blanc. 1856 .. .. R.
J. (J. M.) A Dream, and the song of Caedmon. 1875 .. .. R.
Jackson (G. A.) Algiers. 1817 .. .. R.
Jennings (J.) The Dialect of the West of England. 1869 .. .. .. L.
Keatinge (M.) Travels through France and Spain to Morocco. 1817 .. R.
Kemble (J. M.) The Saxons in England. 2 v. 1876 .. .. .. S.
—Anglo-Saxon runes, *etc.* .. .. R.
Kennedy (E. B.) Thirty Seasons in Scandinavia. 1903 .. .. .. R.
Kennedy (E. S.) *ed.* Peaks, passes and glaciers, 2 v. 1862 .. .. S.
Kent (J.) Commentary on international law. 1878 .. .. L.
King (S. W.) The Italian valleys of the Pennine Alps. 1858 .. .. .. R.
A Lady's tour round Monte Rosa. 1859 .. .. R.
Leared (A.) Morocco and the Moors. 1876 .. .. R
—A Visit to the Court of Morocco. 1879 .. .. R.
Leech (J.) Pictures of life and character from the collection of Mr. Punch. 4 v. R.
Lloyd (L.) Scandinavian adventures. 2 v. 1854 .. .. V.
Lübke (W.) Ecclesiastical art in Germany. 1873 .. .. V.
Mackenzie (T.) *Lord Mackenzie.* Studies in Roman law. 1880 .. .. R.
Mathews (C. E.) The Annals of Mont Blanc. 1898 .. .. L.
Meakin (B.) The Land of the Moors. 1901 .. .. R.
—The Moorish Empire. 1899 .. .. L.
—The Moors. 1902 .. .. L.
Mears (T. L.) Analysis of Ortolan's Institutes of Justinian. 1876 .. .. R.
Michelet (J.) The Mountain. 1872 .. .. R.
Milliken (E. J.) The Political Life of the Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone. 3 v. 1896-7 .. .. R.
Mitchell (A.) The Past in the present. 1880 .. .. R.
Murray (E.) *Mrs.* Sixteen years of an artist's life in Marocco. 2 v. .. .. S.
Narjoux (F.) Notes and sketches of an architect, taken during a journey in the North-West of Europe. 1876 .. .. R.
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Election caricatures, 1874 and 1880 .. .. .. R.
Den Norske turistforenings arbog. 9 v. .. .. R.
Oppenheim (E. C.) New climbs in Norway. 1898 .. .. R.

Palgrave (*Sir* F.) History of the Anglo-Saxons. 1869 .. .. .. V.
Paterson (M.) Mountaineering below the snow-line. 1886 .. .. .. R.
Paulopostprandials : only some little stories after hall. 1886 .. .. .. R.
Payer (J.) New lands within the Arctic circle. 2 v. 1876 .. .. .. L.
Payton (C. A.) Moss from a rolling stone. 1879 .. .. R.
Pictures in Tyrol, and elsewhere. 1867 .. .. R.
Pike (L. O.) A History of crime in England. 2 v. 1873 .. .. .. L.
Poole (S. Lane-) *and* Gilman (A.) The Moors in Spain. 1890 .. .. L.S.
Prichard (J. C.) *and* Latham (R. G.) The Eastern origin of the Celtic nations. 1857 .. .. V.
Pritchett (R. T.) "Gamle Norge": rambles and scrambles in Norway. 1879 L.
Rae (J.) Narrative of an expedition to the shores of the Arctic Sea. 1850 .. L.
Rendu (Le C.) Theory of the glaciers of Savoy. 1874 .. .. R.
Rethel (A.) Auch ein Todtentanz. 1879.. .. .. R.
Richardson (J.) Travels in Morocco. 2 v. 1860 .. .. R.
Richardson (*Sir* J.) The Polar Regions. 1861 .. .. R.
Roth (A.) The Doldenhorn and Weisse Frau. 1863 .. .. R.
Sassure (H. B. de). Voyages dans les Alpes. 4 v. .. .. R.
Scheuchzer (J. J.) Helveticus, sive itinera per Helvetiæ Alpinas Regiones facta. 1723 .. .. R.
Schiller (F.) Fridolin : a ballad. 1824 .. .. R.
Schweizer Alpenclub. Jahrbuch. 1864 .. .. R.
Scott (G. G.) Remarks on secular and domestic architecture. 1858 .. .. V.
Service (J.) Metrical legends of Northumberland. 1834 .. .. .. L.
Shoberl (F.) *ed.* The World in miniature :—Africa. 2 v. .. .. .. R.
Simpson (J. B.) Capital and labour in coal mining during the past 200 years. 1900 .. .. R.
Sinigaglia (L.) Climbing reminiscences of the Dolomites. 1896 .. .. R.
Slingsby (W. C.) Norway : the northern playground. 1904 .. .. L.
Smith (W. P. H.) *and* Hart (H. C.) Climbing in the British Isles. 1895 .. S.
Société des Anciens Textes Français. Brun de la Montaigne : roman d'aventure. 1875 .. .. R.
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free from Legacy Duty, for the benefit of the Public Libraries of the said City, to be expended in such way as they may deem expedient; and I direct that the Receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said City shall be an effectual discharge for the same Legacy.

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OR OTHER
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City and County of
Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

39th Report

OF THE

Public Libraries Committee,

1919-20.

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Thirty-Ninth Report

OF THE

Public Libraries Committee,

1919-20.

To the Members of the City Council.

The Committee have pleasure in presenting the 39th Annual Report of the Librarian. It is so comprehensive that I need but touch on one or two matters referred to therein.

There has been a net addition of 3,979 to our stock of books, divided as follows:—to the Reference Library, 1,642; Stephenson, 608; Central Lending Library, 571; Lady Stephenson, 446; Victoria, 384; Carnegie, 328.

Last year we were able to point to an increase of 16,914 in the issues beyond those of the previous year. But the issues this year have fallen short of last year's by 508. Nevertheless the total of 559,245 is a demonstration of the appreciation of the efforts made by your Committee to meet the requirements of the reading public. This they have only been able to do for the last few years in a very inadequate measure; but now that the limitation of the Library Rate has been abolished, and, in addition, our own local rates consolidated, the Committee will be able to meet the pressing demands of their readers with less financial restraint.

Reference is made in the Report to the purchase of a portion of the Mackey collection of books and Bewickiana. This your Committee considered was an opportunity offered which should not be

neglected. The result has been the acquisition of a valuable addition of over 200 volumes and 300 blocks.

Special mention must also be made of the deeds and documents of the Delaval Family, relating to the Waterford Estate, which have been secured to the Library through the instrumentality of our respected member, Dr. F. W. Dendy. His services in this matter are, I need not say, very highly appreciated, not only by his colleagues, but by the whole of the members of the Council. The public will soon, it is expected, be given an opportunity of appraising the value of the gift.

I wish also to make special reference to the acceptable gift, by Mr. Hugh Richardson, of 140 volumes (several of them having a local interest), which belonged to his late father, Mr. David Richardson, a well-known citizen.

The Committee desire to express the sense they feel of the loss sustained in the death of their Vice-Chairman, Ex-Sheriff Councillor Cole. He was a genial colleague, deeply interested in his work as a public representative, and particularly in that of the Libraries. This was evidenced by his clockwork attendance at all the meetings, where his counsel and advice were most welcome and indeed valuable. Mr. Cole was personally known to me since a boy in my teens, and I have followed his successful public and business career with great pleasure. The deepest sympathy with his family, I am sure, is felt by us all.

GEO. G. ELLIOTT,

Chairman of the Public Libraries Committee.

Town Hall,
23rd Sept., 1920.

Presented to the City Council, Oct. 6th, 1920.
Received by the City Council, Oct. 6th, 1920.

CHIEF LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

SIR AND MEMBERS,

I beg to submit my report for the year ended 31st March, 1920.

During the year 7,367 volumes were received. Of these, 1,047 were presented, and the remaining 6,320 purchased. Of the 6,320, however, 2,260 were replacements, which do not count as additions to stock. The gross additions are thus—

1,047 (presentations)
4,060 (new purchases).
———
5,107

The net additions, got by deducting from 5,107 the number of books discarded (viz., 1,128), are 3,979. The total stock is 190,050, and is distributed as follows among the different departments :—

Central Reference Library		86,917	(excluding unbound pamphlets and MSS.)
Central Lending Library		43,353	
Branches :	Stephenson	19,799	
	Victoria ...	19,336	
	Carnegie ...	10,592	
	Lady Stephenson	10,053	
		190,050	(as against 186,071 last year).

Of the books removed from the shelves (on account of wear and tear, theft, etc.), only two-thirds were replaced. Many had gone out of print, many had become too expensive, whilst in other cases the demand had ceased.

The total issues for the year were 559,245, as against 559,753 last year. In the Reference Library, 106,453 volumes were issued, as against 88,354—an increase of 18,000, in spite of the fact that since January, 1920, the former heavy demand for military information (concerning details of promotion, etc.), has practically ceased. In the Lending Libraries there has been a decrease, most of which is in the issue

of books to children (viz., 137,634, as against 149,420—a fall of 11,786). As is well known, many children's books have gone out of print and cannot be replaced, whilst the price of those that are still available has, in most instances, been raised. We have thus been unable, at all events during the greater part of the year, to keep pace with the demand. As to the adult departments, the Central Lending shows an increase of 2,000, the Stephenson a decrease of 5,000, the Victoria an increase of 600, the Carnegie a decrease of 1,950, and the Lady Stephenson, a decrease of 1,400. It has been impracticable to maintain the usual supply of fiction, either in replacements or in new works ; and it is noticeable that the issue of fiction read has dropped by 4%.

Reference was made in the last report to the library of Mr. Matthew Mackey, a late member of Committee, and the hope was expressed that some of his books and Bewickiana might be acquired for the Public Library. Negotiations were entered into with the executors, and in September, 1919, a valuable selection was bought. A few of the items may be mentioned here :—Extra illustrated copies of Hutchinson's Durham, Mackenzie's Newcastle, Durham and Northumberland ; many tracts printed at Newcastle and York ; J. Crawhall's copy of the Carr MS. (a catalogue of Newcastle mayors and sheriffs from 1432 to 1889, showing their arms) ; local autograph letters, local ex-libris and local views ; Bewickiana (autograph letters and wood-blocks), etc., etc. In all, there are over 200 volumes and 300 blocks.

Another acquisition of great local importance was a collection of deeds and documents relating to the Waterford estate (Delaval family). Many thanks are due to Dr. F. W. Dendy, a member of our Committee, for his leading share in the negotiations which led to our receiving this collection as a gift. After correspondence with Mr. H. H. E. Craster, he had recommended the County History Society, who were in communication with the trustees, that the Public Library was the proper repository for such of the papers as related to the Northumberland estates ; and eventually this suggestion was agreed to. Mr. Craster, who has examined the papers, and whose History of Northumberland is so well known, has kindly lent, for consultation and use, his MS. volumes bearing on the documents. Steps are being taken to have the collection dealt with in such a way as to make it profitably accessible to the public concerned.

Our typewritten catalogue of the Coleman Deeds, prepared some years ago for use in the Reference Library, has during the year

been printed in the Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries. The suggestion that this should be done was made to the Society by Dr. Dendy. In collaboration with Mr. Robert Blair, F.S.A., Secretary to the Society, I have now seen the catalogue through the press, and am arranging to have some off-prints, which will be on sale to the public.

In July, Mr. Hugh Richardson kindly presented to the Library about 140 volumes which had belonged to his late father, Mr. David Richardson, of the Gables, Elswick Road. They were of miscellaneous character and interest, and were distributed among different departments. A few of the volumes (*e.g.*, those containing illustrations by Birket Foster), were of local interest.

On several occasions, groups of school-children have been brought to the Reference Library, and have had something of its arrangement and resources explained to them. The advantage of arousing the interest of young readers in what is a great civic possession, needs no elaboration.

The question of supplying books for the blind, which was referred to last year, has received further consideration. The North Shields Institute, to which we have long subscribed, has transferred its plant, etc., to the workshops for the Adult Blind. This latter body is organizing, on behalf of the National Institute for the Blind, a library in Newcastle itself, and will secure a frequently changed succession of volumes from the National Library for the Blind. It was resolved that as soon as the arrangements are completed, we should subscribe to the Workshops for the Adult Blind.

The establishment of a separate Commercial Library, which has been discussed on several occasions, is still in suspense. The difficulty of finding suitable premises, and the lack of adequate financial means, have been the chief obstructions to the carrying out of the scheme.

In 1919, a Sub-Committee was appointed to inquire into the matter of providing a Branch Library for Scotswood. At first, owing to the bad state of our finances, it seemed inadvisable to take serious action. Recently, after this trouble had been somewhat relieved, the Sub-Committee made a careful inspection of the district and unanimously agreed that a Branch should be established there. From Scotswood, access is quite difficult to the Carnegie Library; and only about 2% of the Scotswood residents can or do make use of it. Whilst the building of a library was at present out of the question, it was hoped that some existing premises could be found which, at a small expense, might be converted to our requirements. A vacant shop was discovered

and plans were prepared. But the General Committee did not like the site; and even the suggested alterations, in the present state of the labour market, proved intolerably expensive. They fully recognized, however, that the Branch is urgently needed, and desired the Sub-Committee to continue its search for more suitable premises.

The Annual Conference of the Library Association was held in Southport, and was attended by the Public Librarian. It was an important meeting, the chief subject of discussion being the 3rd Interim Report of the Adult Education Committee and its bearing on the future conditions of Public Library organization. The Librarian's report was carefully considered, and the Newcastle Committee passed, and sent to the suitable authorities, a resolution expressing their views on the question.

The sad death, on 25th February, 1920, of Councillor J. G. Cole, Vice-Chairman of the Public Libraries Committee, will be fresh in the memory of all. Though he had not held office for long, he had won the esteem and liking of those with whom he was associated, and the Committee have recorded in the Minutes their sorrow for his loss.

Another death that has occurred is that of Councillor Bourn. He died on 5th June, 1919, and the Committee sincerely regret his loss.

Owing to ill-health, Mr. (formerly Alderman) R. Flowers, has severed his long connection with our work; and this is another deprivation which we sincerely regret. He has been a member of Committee since 1888, and has held office successively as Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Books and House Committee, and as Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Public Libraries Committee. He finds that it is not possible to attend our meetings, and has, therefore, resigned. The Chairman moved "that there be recorded on the minutes an appreciation of his long and valued services to the community, especially in connection with the Public Libraries, and that a letter be sent to Mr. Flowers expressive of the thanks and best wishes of his late colleagues on the Public Libraries Committee." The motion was carried unanimously.

Another member of Committee, Mr. H B. Saint, has also for months been unable to attend our meetings. His absence was due in the first place to illness, and then to an accident which caused a fractured limb. The Committee's cordial sympathy with him in his misfortune has been expressed and conveyed to him. We hope that we shall now shortly see him amongst us once more.

BASIL ANDERTON.

TABLE I.

SHOWING THE TOTAL STOCK OF BOOKS IN THE LIBRARIES AT 31ST MARCH, 1920.

Reference Library	86,917
Central Lending Library	43,353
Stephenson Branch	19,799
Victoria Branch	19,336
Carnegie Branch	10,592
Lady Stephenson Branch	10,053
Total	190,050

TABLE II.

SHOWING THE ADDITIONS TO, AND ALTERATIONS IN, STOCK DURING THE YEAR.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

By Purchase (Ordinary)		625
Purchase (Technical)		224
Gifts (including 115 volumes of Patents)		713
Magazines bound from Newsroom (purchased)		263
,, ,, ,, ,, (presented)		36
		1,861
LESS—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	70	
Volumes transferred to Central Lending Library	33	
,, ,, Stephenson Branch	17	
,, ,, Victoria Branch	25	
,, ,, Carnegie Branch	26	
,, ,, Lady Stephenson Branch	48	
		219
		1,642

CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.

By Purchase		769
Gift		79
Magazines bound from Newsroom		57
Transfer from Reference Library		33
		938
LESS—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	359	
Volumes transferred to Victoria Branch	1	
,, ,, Stephenson Branch	3	
,, ,, Carnegie Branch	2	
,, ,, Lady Stephenson Branch	2	
		367
		571

Stephenson Branch Library.

By Purchase		631
Gift		77
Magazines bound from Newsroom		24
Transfer from Reference Library		17
,, ,, Lending Library		3
		752
Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock		144
		608

Victoria Branch Library.

By Purchase		517
Gift		36
Magazines bound from Newsroom		22
Transfer from Central Lending Library		1
,, ,, Reference Library		25
		601
Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	216	
Volumes transferred to Lady Stephenson Library	1	
		217
		384

Carnegie Branch Library.

By Purchase		521
Gift		67
Magazines bound from Newsroom		7
Transfer from Reference Library		26
,, ,, Central Lending Library		2
,, ,, Lady Stephenson Library		1
		624
Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	295	
Volumes transferred to Lady Stephenson Library	1	
		296
		328

Lady Stephenson Branch Library.

By Purchase		399
Gift		39
Magazines bound from Newsroom		1
Transfer from Reference Library		48
,, ,, Central Lending Library		2
,, ,, Victoria Library		1
,, ,, Carnegie Library		1
		491
Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	44	
Transfer to Carnegie Library	1	
		45
		446

Net Additions to Stock for Year Ending 31st March, 1920—3,979.

TABLE III.

Showing Number of Volumes Bound and Replaced During the Year.

	Reference Library.	Central Lending Library.	Stephenson Branch Library.	Victoria Branch Library.	Carnegie Branch Library.	Lady Stephenson Branch Library.	Total.
Volumes bound, re-bound, &c.	621*	1,482	1,366	1,160	1,386	211	6,226
Volumes replaced	—	662	347	541	340	370	2,260

* Includes 115 Volumes of Patents.

TABLE IV.

Showing Number of Readers' Tickets in force at end of Library Year (Lending Libraries).

	Central Lending Library.	Stephenson Branch Library.	Victoria Branch Library.	Carnegie Branch Library.	Lady Stephenson Branch Library.	Total.
Citizen :						
Ordinary Tickets	2,416	942	1,040	405	410	5,213
Non-Fiction Tickets	2,242	822	1,003	402	410	4,879
Non-Citizen :						
Ordinary Tickets	7,384	3,348	4,637	2,683	1,951	20,003
Non-Fiction Tickets	4,323	1,825	2,408	1,264	935	10,755
Total ..	16,365	6,937	9,088	4,754	3,706	40,850

TABLE V.

Estimated Visitors to Branch Reading Rooms.

	Daily Average.	Attendance for Year.
Stephenson ..	541 (includes 55 ladies).	160,136 (16,280 ladies).
Victoria	300 ,, 32 ,,	88,800 (9,472 ,,).
Carnegie	268 ,, 18 ,,	69,596 (5,346 ,,).
Lady Stephenson	232 ,, 23 ,,	69,368 (6,877 ,,).

TABLE VI.—REFERENCE LIBRARY.

SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES CONSULTED IN THE REFERENCE LIBRARY DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1920, THE NUMBER OF DAYS OPEN, THE AVERAGE DAILY ISSUE, AND THE TOTAL ISSUE IN EACH CLASS.

DATE.	Thomlinson Library.	Patent Specifications.	General Works, Magazines, &c.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology, Political Science and Economy, Education.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays, Satire, &c.)	History, Biography, and Geography.	TOTAL ISSUE.	Number of Days Open.	Average Daily Issue.
1919.															
April ..	1	37	3,773	12	78	753	83	275	1,864	400	304	1,087	8,667	23½	369
May ..	1	70	2,824	9	47	550	78	231	2,131	768	313	1,395	8,417	27	312
June ..	..	35	1,570	8	40	343	41	425	1,407	196	155	1,196	5,416	17½	309
July ..	..	55	1,932	9	107	872	48	292	1,144	355	214	1,270	6,298	26	242
August ..	2	52	2,514	58	65	473	90	121	1,044	415	125	1,243	6,202	25	248
September	6	128	1,740	454	69	590	90	242	1,386	388	280	1,186	6,559	26	252
October ..	93	80	2,317	74	95	717	50	192	1,114	483	387	1,453	7,055	27	261
November ..	2	17	2,110	51	47	502	57	268	1,136	327	326	1,526	6,369	25	255
December	..	36	2,562	54	91	546	48	335	1,367	307	100	1,365	6,811	24	284
1920.															
January ..	8	261	6,646	141	78	721	81	221	1,806	536	202	1,380	12,081	25	483
February	1	39	5,304	75	71	625	52	353	2,495	373	162	1,185	10,735	24	447
March ..	4	160	3,839	180	68	758	94	933	2,268	1,714	423	1,402	11,843	27	439
Total issue in each class	118	970	37,131	1,125	856	7,450	812	3,888	19,162	6,262	2,991	15,688	96,453	297	325

This total does not include the consultations of Indices and Abridgments of Patents, which, it is estimated, were 10,000.

TABLE VII.—CENTRAL LENDING AND BRANCH LIBRARIES.

Summary of Issues to Adult and Juvenile Readers for Year Ended March 31st, 1920.

		General Works, Magazines, &c.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology, Political Science and Economy, Education.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays, Satire, Fiction, &c.)	History, Biography, and Geography.	Total Issue.	Number of Days Open.	Average Daily Issue.
Central :	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*3,821*	*1,073*	*1,194*	*2,599*	*764*	*3,296*	*4,715*	*6,154*	*81,285*	*8,831*	*113,732*	*271*	*420*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*1,917*	*26*	*323*	*1,100*	*41*	*1,879*	*1,064*	*556*	*30,404*	*3,406*	*40,716*	*271*	*150*
	Total	5,738	1,099	1,517	3,699	805	5,175	5,779	6,710	111,689	12,237	154,448	271	570
Stephenson :	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*5,404*	*249*	*318*	*1,235*	*304*	*1,580*	*3,070*	*3,073*	*41,273*	*5,021*	*61,527*	*270½*	*227*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*579*	*4*	*200*	*2,607*	*97*	*1,561*	*1,030*	*650*	*15,356*	*2,412*	*24,496*	*270½*	*91*
	Total	5,983	253	518	3,842	401	3,141	4,100	3,723	56,629	7,433	86,023	270½	318
Victoria :	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*5,430*	*311*	*413*	*1,296*	*304*	*1,987*	*4,008*	*4,097*	*44,592*	*6,233*	*68,671*	*271*	*253*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*1,134*	*148*	*202*	*2,525*	*25*	*1,010*	*704*	*521*	*17,835*	*1,647*	*25,751*	*271*	*95*
	Total	6,564	459	615	3,821	329	2,997	4,712	4,618	62,427	7,880	94,422	271	348
Carnegie :	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*2,033*	*159*	*232*	*887*	*166*	*1,519*	*3,061*	*2,367*	*27,707*	*4,901*	*43,032*	*271*	*158*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*627*	*8*	*220*	*2,781*	*35*	*1,439*	*1,015*	*572*	*20,092*	*3,540*	*30,329*	*271*	*112*
	Total	2,660	167	452	3,668	201	2,958	4,076	2,939	47,799	8,441	73,361	271	270
Lady Stephenson:	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*3,254*	*66*	*139*	*548*	*109*	*596*	*1,584*	*1,296*	*18,182*	*2,422*	*28,196*	*271*	*104*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*530*	*2*	*118*	*1,334*	*22*	*1,056*	*739*	*375*	*10,638*	*1,528*	*16,342*	*271*	*60*
	Total	3,784	68	257	1,882	131	1,652	2,323	1,671	28,820	3,950	44,538	271	164
Total issue in each Class ..		24,729	2,046	3,359	16,912	1,867	15,923	20,990	19,661	307,364	39,941	452,792	271	1,670

On the total Adult issues (Lending and Reference Libraries), the fiction percentage is 46%. If Juvenile issues are included, it is 52%.

DONORS OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, ETC., TO THE CENTRAL LIBRARIES.

	Vols.	Phlts.
Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce		1
Aberdeen University	1	
Accountant (Publishers)		
Adam (W. A.)	1	
Alliance News (Publishers)		
American Red Cross Institute		2
Anderton (*Mrs.* Basil)		
Anderton (H. O.), *Birmingham*	1	
Anderton (R.), *Newcastle*	4	
Animals' Defender (Publishers)		
Andrews (R.)	1	
Argus Pub. Co., Ltd.		1
Arms and Explosives (Publishers)		
Auto-Motor Journal (Publishers)		
Belgique. Academie Royale, Bruxelles	1	
Bioscope (Publishers)		
Birmingham Chamber of Commerce	1	
Birmingham University	1	
Blackett, *Mrs.*, Newcastle	1	
Board of Trade	2	
Bedson (*Dr.* P. P.)	1	
Bowley (A. L.), c/o. Clarendon Press	1	
Brazil. Dept. of Geology and Mineralogy, Rio Janeiro	1	
Brazil. Ministry of Agriculture, Industry and Commerce, Rio Janeiro		1
Bristol Public Library	1	
British Association	1	
British Association of Trade and Technical Journals, Ltd.	1	
British Esperantist (Publishers)		
British Museum	3	1
British Red Cross Society	1	
Bulawayo (*per* Town Clerk)	1	
Cadbury Bros., Ltd.		1
Canada (*per* Agent-General)	1	1
Canada. Dept. of Agriculture	1	3
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington	4	10
Central Chamber of Commerce, London	2	
Central Chamber of Agriculture	1	
Chartered Institute of Secretaries, London	1	
Chinese Students' Union, London		3
City and Guilds of London Institute	2	
Clerk of Works Journal (Publishers)		
College of Preceptors	1	
Compendia Co. (*per* W. B. Ellis, *Esq.*, Newcastle)	1	
Decimal Association	1	
De Horsey (*Adm.* Sir A. F. R.) (*per* Longmans, Green & Co.)		1
Department of Overseas Trade, London	2	
Dod's Peerage, Ltd.	1	
Dublin University	1	

	Vols.	Phl
Duff (*Dr.* J. Wight), Newcastle	3	
Dunn (*Dr.* J. T.), Newcastle		
Durham University	2	
Durham University (College of Medicine)	2	
Edinburgh University	1	
Edinburgh and Leith Chamber of Commerce		1
Electrician (Publishers)		
Empire Mail (Publishers)		
Expeditionary Force Canteens	3	1
Flight (Publishers)		
Foresters' Miscellany (Publishers)		
Garden Cities Association, Letchworth	1	
Garden Cities and Town Planning Association	1	
Glasgow. Mitchell Library	1	2
Glasgow University	1	
Greek Bureau of Foreign Information	1	15
Guéritte (*Monsieur* T. J.), Surbiton	1	
H.M. Stationery Office (*per* Comptroller)	149	59
Hospital Sunday Fund, Newcastle	1	
Illinois University	1	10
Incorporated Accountants' Journal (J. Martin, *Esq.*)		
India. Government Printing Dept., Calcutta	10	
India Office	1	2
India Office. Registry and Record Dept.	2	
Indo-British Association		2
Institute of Chartered Accountants	1	
Institution of Mechanical Engineers		
Ireland. National University	2	
Janet (*Monsieur* Charles)	1	
Japan. Finance Dept., Tokyo		1
Jones (H.), c/o. Cassell & Co.	1	
Kellner (*Mrs.* M. A.), *Bromley*	1	
Lamb (A. F.), & Co., London	1	
Land & Liberty (Publishers)		
League of Nations Union		1
Leeds University	1	
Lepper (Geo. H.), Pittsburgh	1	
Library Association	1	
Liverpool University	1	
Lloyd's Register of Shipping		1
London University	1	2
London University College (M.I.D. Research Laboratory)	1	
Magraw (J. E.), Grahamstown, So. Africa	1	
Mawson, Swan & Morgan, *Messrs.*	1	
Motor Traction (Publishers)		
National Bible Society of Scotland		1
National Church (Publishers)		
National Poor Law Officers' Union (N. & D. Branch)		1

DONORS OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, ETC., TO THE CENTRAL LIBRARIES.—(*Continued*).

	Vols.	Phlts.
National Delegation of Euxine Pontus, c/o. Norbury, Natzio & Co., Manchester		2
National Institute for the Blind	1	
National Union of Teachers	2	
Nemos. Malmö, Sweden		1
New Church Magazine (Publishers)		
New South Wales (*per* Agent-General)	1	2
New York Public Library	1	
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Co-operative Society		
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation (*per* City Treasurer)	1	
(*per* Committee Clerk)	4	1
(*per* Director of Education)	2	
(*per* Medical Officer)	2	2
(*per* Town Clerk)	10	6
(*per* Tramways Manager)		1
Newcastle Teachers' Association		1
Newcastle & Gateshead Chamber of Commerce	1	
Newcastle & Gateshead Gas Co.		2
North East Coast Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders	1	
North of England Institute of Mining & Mechanical Engineers	1	
North Star (Publishers)		
Northern Counties Blind Society		1
Northumberland County Council (*per* Accountant)	2	
(*per* Clerk)	12	
(*per* Secretary to Education Committee)	16	
Oxberry (J.), *Esq.*, Gateshead	1	2
Pacific Marine Review (Publishers)		1
Patent Office, London		
Phillips (M.), *Esq.*, F.S.A., J.P., London		1
Pittsburgh, Carnegie Library	1	
Plumbing Trade Journal (Publishers)		
Poor Children's Holiday Association		1
Positivist Review (Positivist Committee)		
Potter (J. D.), *Esq.*, London	1	
Practical Engineer (Publishers)		
Printers' Register (Publishers)		
Red Cross Institute for Cripples and Disabled Men, New York		7
Red Cross Institute for the Blind, Baltimore		2
Reid (A.) & Co., Ltd.	1	
Richardson (H.), *Esq.*, Newcastle	47	2
Richardson (G. H.), *Esq.*, Newcastle	1	
Richardson, (J.), *Esq.*, M.I.C.E., M.I.M.E., Lincoln	1	
Roxby (J. H.), *Esq.*, Wakefield		1
Royal Agricultural Society	1	
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds		4
Royal (Dick) Veterinary College, Edinburgh		1
Royal Society		
Rushton & Hornsby, Grantham	1	
St. Nicholas' Cathedral	1	
Sanitary Publishing Co.	1	
Sales & Wants (Publishers)		
Secretary (Publishers)		
Smithsonian Institute, Washington	1	
Snead & Co. Iron Works, Jersey City	1	
Society of Architects		
Society of Chemical Industry		
South Africa, Education Dept., Cape Town	1	
South Africa (*per* Minister of the Interior), Pretoria		1
Spender (E. H.), *Esq.*, London	2	
Spielman (*Sir* I.)		4
Stocks (E. V.), *Esq.*, M.A., Durham	1	
Stubbs Publishing Co., London	1	
Stuart (*Mrs.* G. B.)		
Sunderland Public Library		2
Taylor (*Miss* M.), Wark-on-Tyne	6	
Tokyo Imperial Institute (College of Medicine)		3
Toomey (N.), *Esq.*, St. Louis		5
Town & Counties Directories, Ltd., Edinburgh	1	
Trinity College of Music	1	
Tunstall (C. O.), *Esq.*		1
Tyne Improvement Commissioners		1
Union des grandes associations françaises, Paris		2
United Brassfounders and Engineers, Ltd., Manchester	1	
University Correspondent (Publishers)		
Uruguay. Director-General of Statistics	1	
Vegetarian Messenger, Newcastle Dietetic Reform Society		
Victoria, Board of Trade		1
Wales. National Library	3	
Wales. University College		2
Wall Paper Manufacturers, Ltd.	1	
War Refugees Committee		1
Washington. Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Education	1	
Washington. Library of Congress		
Watson (*Mrs.* R. Spence), Trustees of the late		3
Watson (*Sir* T. E.), Newport, Mon.	1	
Welford. The Richard Welford bequest	79	
Werner Laurie, Ltd.	1	
Wireless World (Publishers)		
Woolacott (*Dr.* D.), Newcastle		1

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

The lists of periodicals taken are exhibited in the various Libraries.

REPORTS, Etc.,

HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING LIBRARIES, ETC.

Aberdeen.
Adyar, India.

Baltimore, Enoch Pratt.
Belfast.
Blackburn.
Bodleian.
Bolton.
Bradford.
Brooklyn, Pratt Institute.
Buxton.

Carnegie U.K. Trust.
Central Library for Students.
Chelsea.
Chicago, John Crerar Library.
Croydon.

Darlington.
Dayton, U.S.A.
Dove Marine Laboratory.
Dundee.

Edinburgh.

Grand Rapids, U.S.A.

Hornsey.
Huddersfield.

Ipswich.

Jersey City, U.S.A.
Johannesburg, S. Africa.

Kettering.
Kirkcaldy.

Leeds.
Lincoln.
London University College.
Los Angeles, U.S.A.

Malvern.
Manchester.
Middlesbrough.
Mocatta Library, University College, London.

National Library for the Blind.
New South Wales.
Newark.
Northampton.
Northern Counties Blind Society.
Norwich.

Ontario.
Osaka, Japan.

Pittsburg, Carnegie Library.

Portsmouth.
Preston.
Providence, U.S.A.

Rawtenstall.
Rochdale.

St. Helens.
St. Louis, U.S.A.
St. Louis, Mercantile Library Association.
Salford.
Shoreditch.
Smithsonian Institute.
South Africa.
South Australia.
South Shields.

Taunton.
Toronto.

Victoria, Australia.
Victoria, B.C.

Washington, Library of Congress.
West Hartlepool.
Westminster.
Wigan.
Windsor, Canada.
Workington.

Yale University.
York.

STEPHENSON BRANCH LIBRARY.

DONORS OF BOOKS AND PERIODICALS FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1920.

	Vols.
Anderton (Roger), Gosforth	2
Arbitrator (Publishers)	
Co-operative News (Newcastle Co-operative Society)	
Decimal Educator (Publishers)	
Edinburgh University Calendar	1
Greek Bureau of Foreign Information, London	1
Henderson (*Mrs.*), Newcastle	6
Incorporated Accountants' Journal (Society of Accountants and Auditors)	
Kerr (*Dr.* H.), Newcastle	1
Moberly (*Miss* M.), Newcastle	12
National Institute for the Blind, London	1
New Church Magazine (Publishers)	
Newcastle Corporation (*per* Town Clerk)	1
Newcastle Corporation (*per* Director of Education)	1
North Star (Publishers)	
Richardson (H.), *Esq.*, Newcastle	50
United Brassfounders and Engineers, Ltd., Manchester	1

VICTORIA BRANCH LIBRARY.

DONORS OF BOOKS AND PERIODICALS FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1920.

	Vols.
Anderton (Roger), Gosforth	3
Arbitrator (Publishers)	
Blackett (*Mrs.* W.)	1
Co-operative News (Newcastle Co-operative Society)	
Daniel (W.)	1
Greek Bureau of Foreign Information	1
Henderson (W. F.), *Esq.*, Newcastle	1
Incorporated Accountants' Journal (Society of Accountants and Auditors)	
Kerr (*Dr.* H.), Newcastle	1
Moberly (*Miss* M.)	13
National Institute for the Blind	1
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation (*per* Town Clerk)	1
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation (*per* Director of Education)	1
New Church Magazine (Editor)	
North Star (Publishers)	
United Brassfounders and Engineers, Ltd.	1
Watson (*Mrs.* R. Spence), Trustees of the late	11

CARNEGIE BRANCH LIBRARY.

DONORS OF BOOKS AND PERIODICALS FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1920.

	Vols.
Anderton (*Mrs.*), Newcastle-upon-Tyne	2
Anderton (Roger), Gosforth	2
Blackett (*Mrs.*), Newcastle-upon-Tyne	1
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington	2
Daniel (*Mr.* W.), Cheshire	1
Kerr (*Dr.* H.), Newcastle	1
Longmans, Green & Co. (Publishers), London	1
Moberly (*Miss* M.), Newcastle-upon-Tyne	23
National Institute for the Blind, London	2
Newcastle Corporation (*per* Town Clerk)	1
Newcastle Corporation (*per* Director of Education)	1
Ontario (Canada) Government	1
Richardson (H.), *Esq.*, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	25
Watson (*Mrs.* R. Spence), Trustees of the late	4

LADY STEPHENSON BRANCH LIBRARY.

DONORS OF BOOKS AND PERIODICALS FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1920.

	Vols.
Blackett (*Mrs.*), Newcastle	1
Blackie & Son, London	1
Food (Publishers)	
Greek Bureau of Foreign Information, London	1
Kerr (*Dr.* H.), Newcastle	1
Moberly (*Miss* M.), Newcastle.. ..	1
Newcastle Corporation (*per* Town Clerk)	2
Newcastle Corporation (*per* Director of Education)	1
North Star (Publishers)	
Practical Engineer (Publishers) ..	
Richardson (H.), *Esq.*, Newcastle ..	17

BENWELL MUNICIPAL LECTURES.

February 5th, 1920. Councillor A. W. Lambert, M.C.
"The Craft of the Potter."
Chairman :—Col. Sir Johnstone Wallace, K.B.E.

March 18th, 1920. A. Hamilton Thompson, Esq., M.A., F.S.A.
"Life in a Mediæval Monastery."
Chairman :—Councillor John Chapman.

PUBLICATIONS STILL IN PRINT.

CATALOGUES OF CENTRAL LIBRARY—

Catalogue of the Central Lending Library (excluding Fiction in English, Children's Books, and Books for the Blind). Crown 4to. 712 pages. 1908. 1/-. *Purchasers of this Catalogue receive, gratis, the Supplement below.*

Supplement *to the above.* December, 1911. Crown 4to. 85 pages. Price 3d.

FINE ARTS CATALOGUE. (Reference and Central Lending Libraries). Crown 4to. 145 pages. 1900. 3d. *Class* 700 *of Dewey's Decimal Classification.*

PURE MATHEMATICS CATALOGUE. (Reference and Central Lending Libraries). Crown 4to. 49 pages. 1901. 3d. *Class* 510 *of Dewey's Decimal Classification.*

USEFUL ARTS CATALOGUE. (Reference and Central Lending Libraries). Crown 4to. 286 pages. 1903. 3d. *Class* 600 *of Dewey's Decimal Classification.*

Supplement *to the above,* 1903-1914. Crown 4to. 209 pages. 1914. 3d.

N.B.—Certain sections of the 1903 Catalogue, viz. :—Engineering, Domestic Economy, Chemical Technology (with Metallurgy and Assaying), and Building (with Shipbuilding), have been issued separately.

Catalogue of Books and Pamphlets on Education in the Central Library (Reference and Lending) and in the Stephenson and Victoria Branches. Crown 4to. 136 pages. 1909. 3d. *Class* 370 *of Dewey's Decimal Classification.*

Catalogue of Books and Tracts on Genealogy and Heraldry, in the Central Public Libraries. Crown 4to. 68 pages. 1910. 6d. *Class* 929 *of Dewey's Decimal Classification.*

The Harney Library. Books presented by Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Harney. Royal 8vo. 1899. 1d.

Catalogue of the Bewick Collection (Pease Bequest). Ten full-page illus. Crown 4to. 1904. 1/-.

CATALOGUE OF FICTION (in English) in the Central Lending Library. Royal 8vo. 295 pages. 1906. 6d. (2nd impression).

HAND-LIST OF WORKS ON SHAKESPEARE. (Reference and Central Lending Libraries). Crown 4to. 1906. 1d.

CATALOGUE OF BOOKS CONCERNING THE GREEK AND LATIN CLASSICS. (Reference and Central Lending Libraries). Illus. Crown 4to. 269 pages. 1912. 1/-.

INDEX CATALOGUE OF PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS in the Public Reference Library. Crown 4to. 74 pages. 1915. 6d.

Catalogue of the Gibsone Conches (in Reference Library). 1/-.

Children's Catalogue. (Central Public Library). Illus. Dy. 8vo. 1920. 3d.

STRUGGLE FOR A PUBLIC LIBRARY IN NEWCASTLE. 1/-.

CATALOGUES OF BRANCH LIBRARIES—

Catalogue of Stephenson Branch Library. Crown 8vo. 1897. 3d. *Dewey's Decimal Classification.*

Catalogue of Victoria Branch Library. *A duplicate of above, with fresh title page ; issued* 1899. 3d.

Supplementary Catalogue of Stephenson Branch. Crown 8vo. 1902. 1d.

ANNUAL REPORTS of Public Libraries Committee, first to thirty-ninth. Royal 8vo. 2d. each.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath out of such part of my personal Estate as may by law be bequeathed for such purposes, to the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the County of Northumberland, the sum of

free from Legacy Duty, for the benefit of the Public Libraries of the said City, to be expended in such way as they may deem expedient; and I direct that the Receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said City shall be an effectual discharge for the same Legacy.

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*I bequeath**

*BOOKS,
PICTURES,
OR OTHER
OBJECTS OF
ART OR
INTEREST,

to the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the County of Northumberland (free from Legacy Duty, which duty I direct shall be paid out of my pure personalty), for the benefit of the Public Libraries of the said City, either for Exhibition or for such other purposes as they may deem expedient; and I further direct that the Receipt of the Town Clerk for the time being of the said City shall be an effectual discharge for the same Legacy.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

City and County of
Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

40th Report

OF THE

Public Libraries Committee,

1920-21.

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1921.

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AS AT 31st MARCH, 1921.

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Fortieth Report

OF THE

Public Libraries Committee,

1920-21.

To the members of the City Council.

The Committee have once again pleasure in presenting the Annual Report—the fortieth—of the Librarian, which I have every confidence in saying will prove satisfactory.

It will be observed that the net addition to our stock has brought the total to 191,238, the increase being 1,188 as compared with 3,979 for the previous year. Notwithstanding this total advance the separate stocks at the Stephenson and Carnegie Branches have been reduced—that at the Stephenson from19,799 to 19,363, and that at the Carnegie from 10,592 to 10,526. The total replacements for the year numbered 2,902 as against 2,260 for 1919-20. Neither the volumes presented nor those purchased reached the totals of the preceeding year, the former falling short by 377 and the latter by 755. Still, the pleasing fact remains that our total stock has been increased by 1,188 as above mentioned.

Last year the total issues were 508 less than those of the previous year. It is therefore gratifying to observe that the 1920-21 issues are 21,025 beyond those of 1919-20, the total for the year under review being no less than 580,270. The increase is in the Lending Libraries, there being a falling off in the Reference Library of 3,837.

There has been a notable increase in the issues to Juvenile Readers, principally at the Central Library, though both the Walker and Elswick branches participate in this revival. This is no doubt due, as pointed out by the Librarian, to the recently published new Children's Catalogue and to a larger purchase of Juvenile books. More detailed information is given by the Librarian in his report respecting the stock and issues.

Your Committee wish again to express its appreciation of the gift by the Education Committee of £150, which they applied as in the past to the purchase of books of a technical character. To the eighty volumes bequeathed by the late Mr. Richard Welford attention is also called; they should be of great value to historical students.

Other matters referred to by the Librarian will be found interesting, particularly the gift to the adopted city of Arras of important books relating to the history of our own City and of the County of Northumberland.

The Lectures at the Carnegie Branch, in which the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Lambert, takes especial interest, have been continued as one of the pleasing features of your Committee's work. Their popularity has been maintained.

And now that there is a brighter outlook for industries throughout the country it is believed that the great usefulness of Public Libraries will be more than ever demonstrated; and nothing will be wanting in the efforts of your Committee to keep the Libraries well stocked with up-to-date volumes, whereby to attract readers and to help them in the cultivation of a love for literature of a wholesome and useful character.

GEO. G. ELLIOTT,

Chairman of the Public Libraries Committee.

Town Hall,
August 26th, 1921.

Presented to the City Council, Oct. 5th, 1921.
Received by the City Council, Oct. 5th, 1921.

CHIEF LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

SIR AND MEMBERS,

I beg to submit my report for the year ended 31st March, 1921.

During the year 6,235 volumes were received. Of these, 670 were presented, and the remaining 5,565 purchased. Of the 5,565, however, 2,902 were replacements, which do not count as additions to stock. The gross additions are thus—

670 (presentations)
2,663 (new purchases)

3,333.

The net additions, got by deducting from 3,333 the number of books discarded (viz., 2,145), are 1,188. The total stock is 191,238 and is distributed as follows among the different departments :—

Central Reference Library		87,917	(excluding unbound pamphlets and MSS.)
Central Lending Library		43,641	
Branches :	Stephenson	19,363	
	Victoria ...	19,543	
	Carnegie ...	10,526	
	Lady Stephenson	10,248	
		191,238	as (against 190,050 last year).

The total issues for the year were 580,270 as against 559,245—an increase of 21,025. In the Reference and Patent Libraries 102,616 volumes were consulted, as against 106,453 last year. The decrease is more than accounted for by the fall in consultations of Specifications, Indices and Abridgments of Patents, for which the demand is lessened owing to the fact that searches are undertaken at head-quarters in London on payment of a small fee. In the Lending Libraries the total issue was 477,654 as against 452,792—an increase of 24,862.

Taking the departments seriatim, the Reference Library shows an increase in the use of the Thomlinson Bequest, and in books on Philosophy, Religion, Philology, Natural Science, Useful and Technical Arts, Literature ; and a decrease in General Works, Sociology, Fine Arts, and History. The year's work, excluding the Patents, shows a small increase. The Central Lending shows an increase of 5,701, viz., 160,149 as against 154,448. The issue of children's books, in which last year a fall of 11,786 was recorded, has this year increased by 5,750. The improvement is partly due to the publication last summer of the new

Children's Catalogue, and partly to a somewhat increased stock of books. The issue to adults has not materially changed (113,683 as against 113,732). The Stephenson Branch shows a total increase this year of 7,614 (93,637 as compared with 86,023). Of this increase, 6,982 were adult and 632 juvenile. The Victoria Branch shows a small decrease of 2,070 (92,352 as compared with 94,422) ; there is a fall in juvenile issues and a small increase in adult. At the Carnegie Branch, Benwell, there is a rise of 9,358 (82,719 as against 73,361) ; the increase is almost entirely in adult issues, and is mainly in Natural Science, Useful Arts, Literature, and History. At the Lady Stephenson Library, Walker, the total issues have increased by 4,259 (adult by 2,750, juvenile by 1509). The total is 48,797 as against 44,538 last year.

The late Mr. Richard Welford, M.A., J.P., whose death in June 1919 was so greatly regretted, bequeathed 80 volumes to the Public Library as a remembrance of the keen interest he had long taken in its conduct and welfare. These volumes were received early in 1920. They comprised the Journal of the House of Commons, vol. 1, 1547 to vol. 43, 1785, vol, 47, 1792, and Index to vols.1-34 ; and Journal of the House of Lords, vol. 1, 1509 to vol. 32, 1770.

The establishment of a Branch Library at Scotswood is still deferred. Full explanation of the difficulties was made in the last Annual Report, and these difficulties, which were chiefly financial, have not as yet been solved.

The Education Committee have again been good enough to allocate to the Public Libraries Committee, from the funds rendered available by the Local Taxation (Customs and Excise) Act, 1890, £150 for the purchase of books of a technical and useful character. The books purchased in previous years have proved of real value to the community, and the policy of the Education Committee in making these grants has been thoroughly justified.

At Benwell the association between the Carnegie Branch and the adjacent schools (Junior Technical School and Benwell Secondary School for Girls) continues its successful work. The methods employed have been explained in a previous report, and each term hundreds of scholars make profitable use of our books.

In April, 1920, the Classical Association of England and Wales held its annual meeting in Newcastle and Durham. The Lord Mayor of Newcastle gave a reception to the Association, and the Public Libraries Committee helped to make their first visit to the district a success. The Committee presented our Classical Catalogue to those members of the Classical Association who desired a copy, and by the loan of a number of Greek and Latin books, MSS., etc., co-operated with the Library of Armstrong College in holding an exhibition of great interest and value. The episode marked again the close and friendly relations which,

to their mutual advantage, had long subsisted between the College, the Corporation and the Public Library. The thanks of the visitors, both to the Lord Mayor and to the Public Libraries Committee, were most cordially expressed in the Report of the Classical Journals Board. Among the books lent by the Public Library for exhibition the following may be mentioned :—

Aeneas Silvius (Pope Pius II) Familiares epistolae. 1481.
Cicero. Somnium Scipionis. 1483.
Euclid. Elements. Ed.pr.(Latin) 1482.
Euclid. Elements. Ed.pr.(Greek) 1533.
Valerius Maximus. Factorum et dictorum libri. 1482.
15th century MS. of the Psalter (Latin Vulgate), discovered by the late Rev. J. T. Fowler of Durham.
Facsimile MSS. of Aristophanes (Ravenna Codex, Codex Venetus Marcianus), of Sophocles (Laurentian MS.), etc.

Last summer a catalogue of children's books in the Central Library was issued. Arranged on the dictionary plan, and decorated with cuts by the Bewicks, it proved attractive to our young readers, the more so that the occasion was taken to increase the stock of children's books, which had got sadly depleted during the war.

The special privileges granted from time to time to University and other students continue of course to bear good fruit ; and the Committee has received various letters of special thanks.

A summer School of Library Training, lasting a fortnight, was held again at Aberystwyth in August. On previous occasions Newcastle had not been represented, but this time the Committee sent two members of the staff who derived much pleasure and benefit from their attendance.

At the 1920 stocktaking 11 books were reported missing from the Central Lending Library, 69 at the Stephenson Branch, 52 at the Victoria, 40 at the Carnegie, and 12 at the Lady Stephenson. 16 of these have since been recovered; as also have 7 which were missing the previous year.

The Benwell Municipal Lecture Committee, which met in November, endeavoured to arrange for several lectures to be delivered at the Carnegie Branch last session. What with illness and other causes, however, disappointment followed, and only two were actually given. They were

Some Art Treasures of the Corporation, by C. B. Stevenson, Esq., *Chairman,* Councillor John Chapman. Jan. 20, 1921.

The Future of the League of Nations, by Sir Theodore Morrison, K.C.S.I., *etc. Chairman,* Councillor Capt. A. Lambert, M.C., March 17th, 1921.

In connection with the Adoption of Arras by Newcastle-upon-Tyne the Public Libraries Committee agreed last autumn on the Librarian's

suggestion to present a small collection of books dealing with the history, antiquities and description of Northumberland and Newcastle in order to foster a friendly understanding between the citizens of the two towns. The volumes acquired for the purpose by the Committee were

Bertram (R.J.S.) Newcastle-upon-Tyne: a sketch-book. 1914.
— Old Newcastle. [1909].
Bradley (A.G.) The Romance of Northumberland. [1908].
Brand (J.) History and antiquities of Newcastle. 2 v. 1789.
Brewis (P.) A Guide to the castle of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 1914.
Bruce (J.C.) Handbook to the Roman Wall. 1907.
Charleton (R.J.) History of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. New edition.
Graham (P.A.) Highways and byways in Northumbria. 1920.
Harrison (F.) History of Newcastle for use in schools. 1912.
— History of Northumberland for use in schools. 1914.
Knowles & Boyle. Vestiges of old Newcastle. 1890.
McQuillen (J.) The Church of St. Nicholas. 1903.
Morris (J.E.) Northumberland. 1916.
Oliver (A.M.) The Mayoralty of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 1910.
Pease (H.) The Lord Wardens of the Marches of England & Scotland. 1913.
Reid. & Co. *publishers*. Handbook to Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 1919.
Rendel (G.D.) Newcastle-upon-Tyne: its municipal origin and growth. 1898.
Richardson and Tomlinson. Official handbook to Newcastle and district. 1916.
Richardson (M.A.) Local historian's table book. 8 vols. 1841-6.
Tomlinson (W.W.) Guide to Northumberland. 1916.
Welford (R.) Newcastle and Gateshead in the 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th centuries. 3 v. 1884-5.
Newcastle-upon-Tyne: Literary & Philosophical Society. Lectures on Northumbrian history, literature and art. 1898.
Public Libraries Committee. Various catalogues and Reports.
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Official Blue Book. 2 copies. 1920.

To these the Librarian added his account of Thomas Bewick, the Tyneside engraver, and one or two other volumes.

The Library Association Conference was held in September at Norwich, and was attended by the Chairman (Councillor G. G. Elliott), the Vice-Chairman (Councillor Capt. Arthur Lambert, M.C.) and the Librarian. An account of the proceedings has been circulated amongst members of the Committee.

BASIL ANDERTON.

TABLE I.

SHOWING THE TOTAL STOCK OF BOOKS IN THE LIBRARIES AT 31ST MARCH, 1921.

Reference Library	87,917
Central Lending Library	43,641
Stephenson Branch	19,363
Victoria Branch	19,543
Carnegie Branch	10,526
Lady Stephenson Branch	10,248
Total	191,238

TABLE II.

SHOWING THE ADDITIONS TO, AND ALTERATIONS IN, STOCK DURING THE YEAR.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

By Purchase		552
Gifts (including 115 volumes of Patents)		510
Magazines bound from Newsroom (purchased)		148
,, ,, ,, ,, (presented)		19
		1,229
LESS—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	53	
Volumes transferred to Central Lending Library	28	
,, ,, Stephenson Branch	24	
,, ,, Victoria Branch	29	
,, ,, Carnegie Branch	47	
,, ,, Lady Stephenson Branch	48	
		229
Net addition		1,000

CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.

By Purchase		547
Gift		52
Magazines bound from Newsroom		19
Transfer from Reference Library		28
		646
LESS—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	349	
Volumes transferred to Victoria Branch	1	
,, ,, Stephenson Branch	1	
,, ,, Carnegie Branch	6	
,, ,, Lady Stephenson Branch	1	
		358
Net addition		288

Stephenson Branch Library.

By Purchase		410
Gift		15
Magazines bound from Newsroom		15
Transfer from Reference Library		24
,, ,, Lending Library		1
,, ,, Victoria Branch Library		1
		466
Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock		902
Net reduction		436

Victoria Branch Library.

By Purchase		394
Gift		39
Magazines bound from Newsroom		17
Transfer from Central Lending Library		1
,, ,, Reference Library		29
,, ,, Lady Stephenson Library		1
		481
Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	273	
Volume transferred to Stephenson Library	1	
		274
Net addition		207

Carnegie Branch Library.

By Purchase		352
Gift		18
Magazines bound from Newsroom		3
Transfer from Reference Library		47
,, ,, Central Lending Library		6
		426
Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock		492
Net reduction		66

Lady Stephenson Branch Library.

By Purchase		203
Gift		17
Magazines bound from Newsroom		3
Transfer from Reference Library		48
,, ,, Central Lending Library		1
		272
Less—Volumes withdrawn from Stock	76	
Transfer to Victoria Library	1	
		77
Net addition		195

Net Additions to Stock for Year Ending 31st March, 1921—1,188.

TABLE III.

Showing Number of Volumes Bound and Replaced During the Year.

	Reference Library.	Central Lending Library.	Stephenson Branch Library.	Victoria Branch Library.	Carnegie Branch Library.	Lady Stephenson Branch Library.	Total.
Volumes bound, re-bound, &c.	720*	1,856	1,161	1,288	905	503	6,433
Volumes replaced	—	822	815	513	536	216	2,902

* Includes 115 Volumes of Patents.

TABLE IV.

Showing Number of Readers' Tickets in force at end of Library Year (Lending Libraries).

	Central Lending Library.	Stephenson Branch Library.	Victoria Branch Library.	Carnegie Branch Library.	Lady Stephenson Branch Library.	Total.
Citizen :						
Ordinary Tickets	2,437	994	1,094	681	462	5,668
Non-Fiction Tickets	2,288	880	1,072	671	466	5,377
Non-Citizen :						
Ordinary Tickets	7,409	3,504	2,405	2,674	1,905	17,897
Non-Fiction Tickets	4,352	1,972	4,304	1,342	973	12,943
Total ..	16,486	7,350	8,875	5,368	3,806	41,885

TABLE V.

Estimated Visitors to Branch Reading Rooms.

	Daily Average.		Attendance for Year.	
Stephenson ..	697	(includes 62 ladies).	205,963	(18,321 ladies).
Victoria	364	,, 33 ,,	107,744	(9,768 ,,).
Carnegie	267	,, 17 ,,	79,032	(5,032 ,,).
Lady Stephenson	250	,, 20 ,,	73,750	(5,900 ,,).

TABLE VI.—REFERENCE LIBRARY.

SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES CONSULTED IN THE REFERENCE LIBRARY DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1921, THE NUMBER OF DAYS OPEN, THE AVERAGE DAILY ISSUE, AND THE TOTAL ISSUE IN EACH CLASS.

DATE.	Thomlinson Library.	Patent Specifications.	General Works, Magazines, &c.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology, Political Science and Economy, Education.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays, Satire, &c.)	History, Biography, and Geography.	TOTAL ISSUE.	Number of Days Open.	Average Daily Issue.
1920.															
April ..	100	38	3,685	12	179	558	378	331	1,529	515	454	1,182	8,961	23½	381
May ..	6	5	2,610	9	74	400	55	230	1,772	608	236	1,316	7,321	24½	299
June ..	3	138	2,386	12	38	477	71	437	1,520	235	238	970	6,525	20	326
July ..	..	45	2,608	20	86	898	39	202	1,499	313	184	1,222	7,116	27	264
August ..	..	14	2,453	15	114	426	139	186	1,935	242	241	1,238	7,003	25	280
September	1	84	2,945	17	75	343	46	130	2,053	318	180	1,086	7,278	26	280
October ..	80	41	2,231	364	85	520	171	489	2,371	396	201	1,185	8,134	26	313
November..	..	123	1,785	102	42	424	126	416	2,224	185	251	1,499	7,177	26	276
December	..	14	2,081	576	70	252	59	115	2,241	195	152	1,042	6,797	25	272
1921.															
January ..	203	22	2,713	122	96	379	38	784	2,794	567	308	1,285	9,311	24	388
February	80	72	3,528	33	68	500	51	284	3,190	462	503	1,290	10,061	24	419
March ..	119	14	4,188	65	163	488	136	539	2,530	447	422	1,821	10,932	24½	446
Total issue in each class	592	610	33,213	1,347	1,090	5,665	1,309	4,143	25,658	4,483	3,370	15,136	96,616	295½	327

This total does not include the consultations of Indices and Abridgments of Patents, which, it is estimated, were 6,000.

TABLE VII.—CENTRAL LENDING AND BRANCH LIBRARIES.

Summary of Issues to Adult and Juvenile Readers for Year Ended March 31st, 1921.

		General Works, Magazines, &c.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology, Political Science and Economy, Education.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays, Satire, Fiction, &c.)	History, Biography, and Geography.	Total Issue.	Number of Days Open.	Average Daily Issue.
Central :	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*3,875*	*1,003*	*1,005*	*2,741*	*645*	*3,098*	*4,120*	*5,988*	*82,372*	*8,836*	*113,683*	*267½*	*424*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*2,973*	*32*	*247*	*927*	*23*	*1,668*	*1,115*	*735*	*34,299*	*4,447*	*46,466*	*267½*	*174*
	Total	6,848	1,035	1,252	3,668	668	4,766	5,235	6,723	116,671	13,283	160,149	267½	598
Stephenson :	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*4,967*	*300*	*423*	*1,105*	*332*	*1,702*	*2,991*	*3,070*	*48,109*	*55,10*	*68,509*	*270*	*254*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*670*	...	*248*	*3,049*	*45*	*1,097*	*814*	*543*	*16,212*	*2,450*	*25,128*	*270*	*93*
	Total	5,637	300	671	4,154	377	2,799	3,805	3,613	64,321	7,960	93,637	270	347
Victoria :	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*5,201*	*322*	*445*	*1,273*	*328*	*1,621*	*3,323*	*3,783*	*46,813*	*5,815*	*68,924*	*270*	*255*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*988*	*101*	*281*	*2,837*	*38*	*928*	*730*	*563*	*15,272*	*1,690*	*23,428*	*270*	*87*
	Total	6,189	423	726	4,110	366	2,549	4,053	4,346	62,085	7,505	92,352	270	342
Carnegie :	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*2,923*	*105*	*141*	*913*	*169*	*2,434*	*4,135*	*2,656*	*32,981*	*5,713*	*52,170*	*270*	*193*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*634*	*2*	*219*	*2,788*	*27*	*1,190*	*887*	*423*	*20,932*	*3,447*	*30,549*	*270*	*113*
	Total	3,557	107	360	3,701	196	3,624	5,022	3,079	53,913	9,160	82,719	270	306
Lady Stephenson:	*Total Adult Issue* ..	*3,115*	*95*	*118*	*421*	*79*	*712*	*1,589*	*1,346*	*21,268*	*2,203*	*30,946*	*270*	*115*
	Total Juvenile Issue	*397*	*2*	*174*	*1,626*	*6*	*1,141*	*945*	*360*	*11,162*	*2,038*	*17,851*	*270*	*66*
	Total	3,512	97	292	2,047	85	1,853	2,534	1,706	32,430	4,241	48,797	270	181
Total issue in each Class ..		25,743	1,962	3,301	17,680	1,692	15,591	20,649	19,467	329,420	42,149	477,654	269½	1,773

On the total Adult issues (Lending and Reference Libraries, the consultations of Indices and Abridgments of Patents being excluded), the fiction percentage is 49·9%. If Juvenile issues are included, it is 53%.

DONORS OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, ETC., TO THE CENTRAL LIBRARIES.

	Vols.	Phlts.
Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce ..		3
Aberdeen University	1	
Accountant (Publishers)		
Adams (Percy), *Crewe*	1	
Africa & Orient Review (Publishers)	1	
Alliance News (Publishers) ..		
Anderton (Basil), *M.A.*	1	
Anderton (H. O.), *Birmingham* ..	6	
Anderton (R.), *Newcastle*	3	
Animals' Defender (Publishers) ..		
Animals' Friend (Publishers) ..		
"Anonymous" (*per* Sir E. A. Wallis Budge)	1	
Archibald (*Prof.* R. C.) *Providence, R.I.*		1
Argentine Republic (*per* Consul) ..	2	
Arms and Explosives (Publishers)		
Armstrong College, Newcastle ..	1	
Association of British Chemical Manufacturers		1
Balch (E. S.) & (E. M.), *Philadelphia*	1	
Barnsley Corporation (*per* Town Clerk)		1
Baroda Library, India		7
Bemrose Publicity Co., Ltd., *Derby*	8	
Bharat Kala Parishad, *Benares* ..		1
Bioscope (Publishers)		
Birmingham Chamber of Commerce		10
Birmingham University	1	
Blackett, *Mrs.*, *Newcastle* ..	7	
Blair (C. H. H.), *F.S.A.*, *Newcastle*		1
Board of Trade Journal (Board of Trade)		
Bowman (*Miss* G.), *Newcastle* ..		
British Esperantist (Publishers) ..		
Brazil. Dept. of Geology and Mineralogy, *Rio Janeiro* ..		1
Brewis (W. Parker), *Newcastle* ..		2
Briggs (I.), *Newcastle*		1
Bristol Municipal Library		1
British Academy, London.. ..	8	
British Museum	5	6
Bulawayo (*per* Town Clerk) ..	1	
Buckley (Francis), *Greenfield* ..	2	
Cadbury Bros., *Ltd.*, *Bournville* ..		2
Campbell Gas Engine Co., *Halifax*		2
Canada. Dept. of Agriculture ..		2
Canada. Trade Commissioner ..	1	
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, *Washington* ..	1	2
Central Chamber of Agriculture ..	1	
Chapman (F. W.), *Gosforth* ..	3	
City and Guilds of London Institute	1	
Clague (T. M.), *Newcastle*	2	
Clephan (R. C.), *Tynemouth* ..		1
Clerk of Works Journal (Publishers)		
The College of Preceptors		1
Coventry Public Libraries.. ..		1
Crane & Co., London	1	
Cromer Memorial Committee ..		1
Cumberland County Council ..	1	
Davies & Co., *Birmingham* ..	1	
Dendy (F. W.), *D.C.L.*, *Newcastle*	1	
Dept. of Overseas Trade		4
Dodds (M.S.), *Newcastle*	1	
Dod's Peerage, Ltd...	1	
Dublin University	1	
Durham University..	1	
Durham University (College of Medicine)	2	
Edinburgh University	1	
Edinburgh and Leith Chamber of Commerce		2
Electrician (Publishers)		
Empire Mail (Publishers)		
Finnish Legation, London.. ..		5
Flight (Publishers)		
Foresters' Miscellany (Publishers)..		
Forrester (J. Campbell), *F.R.G.S.*, *Calcutta*	2	
Foxwell (E.), *Cambridge*	52	
Freedom Association, London ..	1	
Gardiner (E. N.), *Epsom*		12
Gilchrist (*Prof.* D. A.), *Newcastle*..		1
Gillespie (*Mrs.* W. Honeyman), *Trustees of, Edinburgh*	1	
Glasgow Public Libraries	1	
Glasgow University	1	
Grant (*Capt.* B. S. H.), *Maidstone*	1	
Greek Bureau of Foreign Information, London	1	
Green (J. L.), *London*	1	
Griffin & Co., London	1	
Henderson (W. F.), *Newcastle* ..	6	
H.M. Stationery Office (*per* Comptroller)	171	109
Hoernlé (*Prof.* R. F. A.)	1	1
Hospital Sunday Fund, Newcastle		1
Illinois University		15
Incorporated Accountants' Journal (J. Martin, *Esq.*)..		
India. Government Printing Dept., Calcutta	2	
India. Office, London	1	
India. Office, Registry and Record Dept.	8	
Institute for Crippled and Disabled Men, New York..		1
Institute of Chartered Accountants	1	
Institution of Mechanical Engineers		
Institution of Mining Engineers (*per Prof.* Bedson)		
Ireland. National University ..	1	
Japan. University of Sendai ..		2
Jepson's Publishing Company, *Birmingham*	2	
Journal of the Society of Chemical Industry (T. M. Clague) ..		
Keir (*Sir* John), K.C.B., *London* ..	1	

DONORS OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, ETC., TO THE CENTRAL LIBRARIES.—(*Continued*).

	Vols.	Phlts.
Kemp's Publishing Co., Leeds ..	1	
Knowles (W. H.), *F.S.A., Newcastle*		1
Korostovetz (J. J.), *London* ..	1	
Land & Liberty (Publishers) ..		
Leeds Public Libraries	1	
Leeds University	1	
Leighton (W.), *Bristol*		24
Liverpool Public Libraries.. ..	1	
Liverpool University	1	
Lloyd's Publishing Co., *Birmingham*	1	
London University..	1	
Mackay (W.), *Newcastle*	1	
McQuillen (John), *Newcastle* ..	4	
Marley (T. W.), *Darlington* ..	1	
Mazorra (A.), *Newcastle*	3	
Merz (J. T.), *Ph.D., Newcastle* ..	1	
Ministry of Labour, *Newcastle* ..	1	
Morrell (J. B.), *York*	4	
Mozley (John R.), *Leeds*	8	2
National Physical Laboratory, *London*	1	
New Church Magazine (Publishers)		
The New England Society of Brooklyn, New York	1	
New South Wales (*per* Agent-General), London	2	
New South Wales. Dept. of Mines, Sydney	1	
New South Wales. Dept. of Public Works, Sydney	1	
New Transport Co., Ltd.	1	
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Co-operative Society		
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation		
(*per* City Treasurer)	1	
(*per* Committee Clerk)	6	
(*per* Medical Officer)	2	
(*per* Town Clerk)	17	21
(*per* Tramways Manager) ..		1
(*per* Tuberculosis M.O.) ..		2
North East Coast Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders ..	1	
North Star (Publishers)		
Northumberland, Alan I. Percy *8th Duke of*	1	
Northumberland County Council (*per* Clerk)	1	
Norwich City (*per* Town Clerk) ..	1	
Paris. Le Préfet de la Seine ..	4	
Patent Office, London		
Paton (Messrs. J. & J.), *London* ..	1	
Poor Children's Holiday Association		1
Positivist Review (Positivist Committee)		
Practical Engineer (Publishers) ..		
Printers' Register (Publishers) ..		

	Vols	Phlts.
Research Defence Society		2
Richards (Grant), Ltd., *London* ..	1	
Richards (L. H.), *Bristol*	1	
Richardson (G. A.), *Newcastle* ..		1
Robinson (*Ald.* A. J.), *Newcastle* ..	2	
Romanes (C. S.), *Edinburgh* ..	1	
Royal Agricultural Society ..	1	
Royal Air Force. Recruiting Depôt, Newcastle		29
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds		
Royal Society		
Russian Liberation Committee ..		30
St. Andrews University		3
Sanitary Publishing Co.	1	
Sales & Wants (Publishers) ..		
Secretary (Publishers)		
Serbian Legation, London.. ..	9	3
Silvester (*Rev.* J.), *M.A., Great Clacton*	2	
Smith's Dock Co., Ltd., *South Shields*	1	
Society of Architects		
Society of Incorporated Accountants	2	
South Africa, Education Dept., Cape Town	1	
South Africa. High Commissioner	1	
Stuart (*Mrs.* G. B.)..		
Stubbs Publishing Co., London ..	1	
Sunderland Public Library.. ..	1	11
Thompson (A. Hamilton), *M.A., F.S.A., Newcastle*	1	7
Thompson (W. P.), *Liverpool* ..	1	
Town & Counties Directories, Ltd., *Edinburgh*	1	
Trinity College of Music	2	
Tyne Improvement Commissioners		1
Union-Castle Mail Steamship Co., Ltd., *London*	1	
United States. National Museum, *Washington*	1	
University Correspondent (Publishers)		
University Tutorial Press, *Cambridge*	1	
Uruguay. Director-General of Statistics..	1	
Victoria, B.C. Inner Harbour Association		2
Washington. Library of Congress	4	
Wharton (H.), *Grimsby*	1	
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Brooklyn, Pratt Institute.
Burnley.
Buxton.

Carnegie U.K. Trust.
Central Library for Students.
Chelsea.
Chicago, John Crerar Library.
Cleveland, U.S.A.

Dove Marine Laboratory.
Dundee.

Gateshead.
Grand Rapids, U.S.A.

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Johannesburg, S. Africa.

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Malvern.
Manchester.
Middlesbrough.

National Library for the Blind.
New South Wales.
Northampton.
Norwich.

Osaka, Japan.

Pittsburg, Carnegie Library.
Portsmouth.
Providence, U.S.A.

Rawtenstall.
Rochdale.

St. Annes-on-Sea.
St. Louis, U.S.A.
St. Louis, Mercantile Library Association.
Salford.
Shoreditch.
Smethwick.
Smithsonian Institute.
South Africa.
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Taunton.
Toronto.

Victoria, Australia.
Victoria, B.C.

Walthamstow.
Warrington.
Washington, Library of Congress.
Windsor, Canada.

Yale University.

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Buckley (F.), Greenfield, Yorkshire ..	1
Campbell Gas Engine Co., Halifax ..	1
Chapman (F. W.), Newcastle.. ..	3
Edinburgh University	1
Keir (*Sir* J.), London	1
Newcastle-upon Tyne Corporation (*per* Town Clerk)	1
(*per* Tuberculosis Medical Officer)	1
Richardson (G. H.), Newcastle ..	1
Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors	1

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Arbitrator (Publishers)..	
Armstrong College, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	1
Blackett (*Mrs.*), Newcastle-upon-Tyne	7
Buckley (F.), *Esq.*, Greenfield, Yorks.	1
Campbell Gas Engine Co., Ltd. ..	1
Challoner (*Mrs.*), Ealing	10
Chapman (W.), *Esq.*, Gosforth ..	2
Co-operative Society, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	
Decimal Educator (Publishers) ..	
Dickinson (W. H.), *Esq.*, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	1
Henderson (W. F.), *Esq.*, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	7
Highway (Editor)	
Keir (*Sir* J.), London	1
Macara (*Sir* C. W.), Manchester ..	1
McQuillen (J. M.), *Esq.*, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	1
New Church Magazine (Publishers) ..	
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation (*per* Town Clerk)	2
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Rawnsley (W. F.), *Esq.*, Shamley Green, Surrey	1
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Anon.	1

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Armstrong College, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	1
Blackett (*Mrs.*), Newcastle-upon-Tyne	2
Buckley (F.), Greenfield, Yorkshire ..	1
Campbell Gas Engine Co., Ltd., Halifax	1
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace	1
Carnegie United Kingdom Trust ..	1
Chapman (F. W.), Newcastle-upon-Tyne	2
Indian National Congress	2
Mazorra (A.), Newcastle-upon-Tyne ..	1
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation (*per* Town Clerk)	4
(*per* Tuberculosis Medical Officer)	1
Richardson (G. H.), Newcastle-upon-Tyne	1

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	Vols.
Armstrong College, Newcastle ..	1
Blackett (*Mrs.*), Newcastle	2
British Machine Tool Engineering (Publishers)	
Buckley (F.), Yorkshire	1
Chapman (F. W.), Gosforth	3
Mazorra (M. Antonio), Newcastle ..	1
Mozley (J. R.), Leeds	2
National Royal Lifeboat Institution..	
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation (*per* Town Clerk)	4
(*per* Tuberculosis Medical Officer)	1
North Star (Publishers)	
Practical Engineer (Publishers) ..	
Richardson (G. H.), Newcastle ..	1
Severn (J. M.), Brighton	1
Smallholding (Publishers)	

BENWELL MUNICIPAL LECTURES.

January 20th, 1921. C. B. Stevenson, Esq.
"Some art treasures of the Corporation."
Chairman :—Councillor John Chapman.

March 17th, 1921. Sir Theodore Morison.
"Future of the League of Nations."
Chairman :—Councillor A. Lambert, M.C.

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The Harney Library. Books presented by Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Harney. Royal 8vo. 1899. 1d.

Catalogue of the Bewick Collection (Pease Bequest). Ten full-page illus. Crown 4to. 1904. 1/-.

CATALOGUE OF FICTION (in English) in the Central Lending Library. Royal 8vo. 295 pages. 1906. 6d. (2nd impression).

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CATALOGUE OF BOOKS CONCERNING THE GREEK AND LATIN CLASSICS (Reference and Central Lending Libraries). Illus. Crown 4to. 269 pages. 1912. 1/-.

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Children's Catalogue. (Central Public Library). Illus. Dy. 8vo. 1920. 3d.

Rough Catalogue of the Coleman Collection of Deeds :—

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Catalogue of Stephenson Branch Library. Crown 8vo. 1897. 3d. *Dewey's Decimal Classification.*

Catalogue of Victoria Branch Library. *A duplicate of above, with fresh title page ; issued* 1899. 3d.

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